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HONOURABLE MICHAEL BALLANTYNE, SPEAKER, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

I would like to advise you that my comments made yesterday were, not by any means, to threaten or intimidate you or your office.

I find it extremely difficult to continue sitting in the House when imputing motives are made towards me, such as being called irresponsible by a Minister.

In your ruling yesterday, on page 1587 of Unedited Hansard, I quote "Clearly, the essence of democracy is that a Member must feel free to raise, in the Legislature, all issues of concern to his or her constituents without fear of retaliation or action being taken by others".

My protest was against the Minister, not the Speaker, I should have clarified the statement by stating, until an apology is made by the Minister, not until a ruling is made, so therefore, I apologize.

I will make a Member's Statement clarifying this issue in the House today.

Sincerely,



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