Expressions Ruled Unparliamentary
by Speakers/Chairmen of the Alberta Legislative Assembly
1905 - 2009 (November 26)

Alberta Standing Orders

13(1) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order.

23 A member will be called to order by the Speaker if, in the Speaker’s opinion, that member:
   (j) uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder.

Beauchesne’s Rules & Forms, 6th Edition

485. (1) Unparliamentary words may be brought to the attention of the House either by the Speaker or by any Member. When the question is raised by a Member it must be as a point of order and not as a question of privilege.

486. (1) It is impossible to lay down any specific rules in regard to injurious reflections uttered in debate against particular Members, or to declare beforehand what expressions are or are not contrary to order; much depends upon the tone and manner, and intention, of the person speaking; sometimes upon the person he words are addressed, as, whether that person is a public officer, or a private Member not in office, or whether the words are meant to be applied to public conduct or to private character; and sometimes upon the degree of provocation, which the Member speaking had received from the person alluded to; and all these considerations must be attended to at the moment, as they are infinitely various and cannot possibly be foreseen in such a manner that precise rules can be adopted with respect to them. Journals, March 22, 1976, pp. 1135-37.

(2) An expression which is deemed to be unparliamentary today does not necessarily have to be deemed unparliamentary next week. Debates, July 23, 1955, p. 6638.

(3) There are few words that have been judged to be unparliamentary consistently, and any list of unparliamentary words is only a compilation of words that at some time have been found to cause disorder in the House. Debates, February 10, 1986, p. 10644.

487. (1) Threatening language is unparliamentary

House of Commons Procedure and Practice by Robert Marleau and Camille Montpetit-Pages 525-527

The proceedings of the House are based on a long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all Members. Thus, the use of offensive, provocative or threatening language in the House is strictly forbidden. Personal attacks, insults and obscene language or words are not in order. A direct charge or accusation against a Member may be made only by way of a substantive motion for which notice is required.

If language used in debate is questionable, the Speaker will intervene. Nonetheless, any Member who feels aggrieved by a remark or allegation may also bring the matter to the immediate attention of the Speaker on
a point of order. Points of order may not be raised during Members’ Statements or Question Period, however, the Speaker may address a matter of unparliamentary language at once if he or she believes the matter to be sufficiently serious to require immediate attention. Normally, the matter is resolved at the conclusion of Question Period. Since the Speaker must rule on the basis of the context in which the language was used, points of order raised in regard to questionable language must be raised as soon as possible after the irregularity has occurred.

If the Speaker did not hear the alleged unparliamentary language or if there is a dispute as to the words actually used, the Chair may set aside the matter pending a review of the record and, if necessary, return to the House at a later time with a ruling. The Speaker has also ruled that if the Chair did not hear the offensive word or phrase and if the offensive language was not recorded in Debates, the Chair cannot be expected to rule where there is no record.

In dealing with unparliamentary language, the Speaker takes into account the tone, manner and intention of the Member speaking; the person to whom the words were directed; the degree of provocation; and most importantly, whether or not the remarks created disorder in the Chamber. Thus, language deemed unparliamentary one day may not necessarily be deemed unparliamentary the following day. The codification of unparliamentary language has proven impractical as it is the context in which words or phrases are used that the Chair must consider when deciding whether or not they should be withdrawn. Although an expression may be found to be acceptable, the Speaker has cautioned that any language which leads to disorder in the House should not be used. Expressions which are considered unparliamentary when applied to an individual Member have not always been considered so when applied “in a generic sense” or to a party.

Should the Speaker determine that offensive or disorderly language has been used, the Member will be requested to withdraw the unparliamentary word or phrase. The Member must rise his or her place to retract the words unequivocally. The Member’s apology is accepted in good faith and the matter is then considered closed. However, if the Member persists in refusing to obey the directive of the Speaker to retract his or her words, the Chair may refuse to recognize the Member until the words have been withdrawn or may “name” the Member for disregarding the authority of the Chair and order him or her to withdraw from the Chamber for the remainder of the sitting.

The following is a compilation of words/phrases which have been ruled unparliamentary, or caution expressed in their use, in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.
UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Language ruled unparliamentary

Absolutely misleading the House (December 7, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Adolf (March 3, 1994 - withdrawn at request of other Member)

Animals (March 19, 1987 - Speaker Carter)

Arrogant (March 24, 1998-Dep. Chair Gordon)

Arrogant, pompous and (May 26, 1992 - Speaker Carter - warning)

Asinine questions (May 7, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized)

Ass, cover his political (November 29, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Autocratic (August 20, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Ayatollah Khomeini to write a book on religious tolerance (May 27, 1988 - Chair Gogo - improper to make disparaging remarks about a foreign head of state)

B.S. (June 5, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Betrayal (with respect to a Bill)(June 4, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Bigotism, negativism, and small-mindedness (words later used in reference to mover and seconder of motion)(November 14, 1972 - Speaker Amerongen)

Blackmail

Rulings
May 16, 2006 (Chairman Marz - Member withdrew comments and apologized at request of Government House Leader
May 15, 2006 (Acting Speaker Shariff - no ruling - withdrawn at request of other Member)
April 22, 1996
April 26, 1994 (no ruling-withdrawn at request of other Member)

Boondocks (October 24, 1977 - no ruling - Member withdrew voluntarily)

Bovine excrement (June 16, 1987 - Speaker Carter)

Brain was as big as his mouth, if the hon. Member's (February 23, 1971 - Speaker Dixon)

Breaking the law, minister then prepared to go to any lengths ... those actions include (June 18, 1979 - Speaker Amerongen)
Buddy (June 11, 1987 - Deputy Speaker Gogo)

Bull, bunch of (April 15, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Bullshit; throwing B.S. around

Rulings
December 11, 1990 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
June 5, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
May 22, 1987 (Deputy Speaker Gogo)
May 21, 1987 (Deputy Speaker Gogo)

Bully (April 27, 1998 - Deputy Chairman Gordon - Member withdrew comment)

Bullying Tactics (February 18, 1998 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment)

Butt (April 9, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Buy a lot of votes, for $6 million I could (April 6, 1976 - Speaker Amerongen)

Camouflage (March 16, 1936 - Speaker Tanner)

Card-carrying Communist (August 19, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Charlie Virtue (instead of the Hon. Mr.) (July 2, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Cheap political gimmick (April 15, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Cheap political points

Rulings
September 17, 1986 (Speaker Carter)
July 30, 1986 (Speaker Carter)

Claque, bureaucratic empire-building socialist (April 12, 1983 - Speaker Amerongen)

Collusion (May 12, 1987 - no ruling but withdrawn)

Comatose, "he wasn't in his usual comatose stage" (May 4, 1994 - Speaker Schumacher)

Come honest (March 30-31, 1987 - voluntarily withdrawn by Member)
Commie (also "card-carrying Communist")

Rulings
May 25, 1990 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
March 26, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
August 19, 1986 (Speaker Carter)

Communist (November 28, 1990-Speaker Carter)

Communist, “The Progressive Conservative Party is becoming partially communist...”
(November 29, 2007 - Deputy Speaker Marz - Member withdrew comment at request of Chair)

Competence, lack of (June 16, 1988 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Complicity (June 14-15, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Contemptuous and cowardly (June 11, 1992 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Cover-up

Rulings
March 1, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment)
November 16, 1998 (Speaker Kowalski)
December 9, 1997 (Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment)
August 15, 1996 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - 2 rulings)
May 4, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
February 11, 1993 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
June 4, 1992 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
March 25, 1992 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson - Member replaced word with "boondoggle")
December 10, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Cover up, “using a crime-reduction strategy to cover up your failure to provide enough mental health care” (April 27, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski)

Coward/Cowardly

Rulings
February 17, 1999 (withdrawn at request of chair)
May 19, 1994 (no ruling - withdrawn at request of other Member)
June 11, 1992 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Cowbell (August 3, 1989 - warning - Chair Schumacher)

Crap

Rulings
March 1, 2006 (Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized)
April 12, 2000 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - withdrawn at request of Chair)
June 22, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
June 13, 1991 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
March 25, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
August 15, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
August 10, 1989 (Speaker Carter)

Craziest Speaker (May 13, 1991 - Sp. Carter)

Crass hypocrisy (June 23, 1988 - Deputy Chairman Musgreave - withdrawn on request by another Member)

Crass political purposes (March 16, 1978 - Speaker Amcrongen)

Crazy, this drives me / you're

Rulings
March 20, 1991 (Speaker Carter - withdrawn by Member March 21)
May 14, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Credit to this House, the Minister brings no (February 23, 1971 - Speaker Dixon)

Damn/damned/damned poor

Rulings
May 15, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
April 3, 1992 (no ruling)
April 8, 1991 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
March 26, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
April 5, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
August 16, 1989 (Speaker Carter)

Deaf/stupid, "Is he deaf or just stupid?" (April 22, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized at request of Chair)

Deceitful - April 6, 2000 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - Member withdrew reference)

Deceive/Deceiving

Rulings
April 20, 1999 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - Member withdrew reference)
August 15, 1996 (Deputy Speaker Tannas)

Deception - March 16, 1936 (Speaker Tanner)

Deception of an intentional nature (May 27, 1988 - Chairman Gogo - concern expressed)

Defrauded a lot of people and this government and the ministers that perpetuated that fraud (June 14, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Deliberate (misleading connotation) (March 12, 1996 - Deputy Speaker Tannas - Member apologized)
Deliberately distorts (May 8, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Deliberately hid the truth (March 8, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Disgraceful argument (February 4, 1975 - Speaker Amerongen - caution to confine remarks to debate, not individuals)

Disgraceful Member (April 30, 1991 - Speaker Carter - unparliamentary when applied to individual Member)

Dishonest/Dishonesty

Rulings
August 27, 1996
August 15, 1996 (Deputy Speaker Tannas)
March 30-31, 1994 (point of order - withdrawn at Speaker Schumache's request)
June 6, 1989 (withdrawn at other Member's request)
May 10, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
June 5, 1987 (Chairman Gogo)

Disrespect, with all due (July 4, 1990 - Speaker Carter - withdrawn at Speaker's request)

Dissembling (March 20, 1987 - imputed motives)

Distort (deliberately/intentionally)

Rulings
March 15, 1995 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - Members urged to stop baiting one another)
May 8, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 9, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 16, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
April 30, 1973 (Speaker Amerongen)
February 20-21, 1973 (Speaker Amerongen)

Distortion, the hon. Member for ... whose record of (February 20, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen - remark did not suggest distortion was deliberate)

Dogs, barking (February 16, 1994 - member asked for permission to use phrase - not granted - Speaker Schumacher)

Dogs, "you've given approval for the dogs opposite to be unleashed" (February 16, 1994 - withdrawn at Speaker Schumacher's request)

Double-cross (depends on context used) (February 28, 1996 - Deputy Chairman Clegg)

Double dipping

Rulings
April 26, 1993 (Speaker Carter - also ruled parliamentary)
February 8, 1993 (Speaker Carter - caution expressed)

Ducks, fat, wingless (February 18, 1971 - Speaker Dixon)

Dumb, playing (March 30, 1987 - objection by other Member - inferred withdrawal, apology accepted)

Elected body ... a forum of drunken first impressions (July 27, 1989 - Speaker Carter - close to "comment on this House")

Embezzlement (March 30, 1987 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Fabricating answers (July 22, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Faking it (June 6, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

False, “Minister painted a false picture for the Assembly” (May 13, 2003 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comments at request of Chair and apologized)

False and misleading, “Will the Minister admit that the decision to report false and misleading information in the annual report was a political decision, one made by members of the government with the support of this Premier?” (November 14, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comments and apologized on behalf of Member who made comments)

Falsehood

   Rulings
   March 21, 1994 (Chairman Tannas)
   June 15, 1990 (Speaker Carter - warning)
   March 11, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Falsehood, absolute (April 1, 1987 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Fascism (March 26, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Fascist

   Ruling
   May 16, 2006 (Chairman Marz - Member withdrew comments and apologized on next sitting day at request of Chair
   March 19, 1996 (Acting Speaker Clegg)

Fib, telling a big - (February 27, 2006 - Speaker Kowalski - withdrawn at request of Chair)

Fibs, stands up and (March 1, 2006 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment at request of Chair and apologized)

Flunky

   Rulings
March 11, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
March 9, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Forked tongue, Minister of ... speaks with a (August 30, 2006 - Deputy Chairman Shariff - Member withdrew comments at request of Chair)

Fraud

Rulings
May 11, 1994 (Speaker Carter)
January 28, 1993 (withdrawn at request of other Member)
June 24, 1991 (Acting Speaker Jonson)
June 15, 1990
May 28, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher and Acting Speaker Jonson)

Fraud, total (June 22, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Freeloaded at public expense (May 25, 1979 - Speaker Amerongen)

Frog, you tell them, Mr. (April 22, 1993 - Speaker Carter)

Froggies in a pond (May 17, 1993 - Member apologized - Speaker Schumacher)

Fun money (December 1, 1998 - Speaker ??)

Garbage

Rulings
April 12, 2000 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - withdrawn at request of Chair)
June 11, 1997 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - withdrawn by Member)
April 8, 1986 (Speaker Amerongen - out of order)

Gerbils (referring to Members of this House) (November 9, 1993 - no ruling)

Gobbledygook, Minister of (March 8-9, 1978 - no ruling, Member voluntarily withdrew comment)

God, “for God’s sake” (May 3, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - reference to a Deity should be made with respect)

Goose; Goosed

Rulings
June 28, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
November 24, 1987 (Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Grandstanding steps, insincere and (March 29, 1982 - Speaker Amerongen)

Gross injustice, when will the government rectify the (April 5, 1972 - contained innuendo - Speaker Amerongen)
Guts

Rulings
May 25, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
April 14, 1994 (withdrawn at request of other Member)
June 28, 1990 (Chairman Schumacher)
June 1, 1990 (withdrawn at request of other Member)
May 31, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
November 1, 1983 (Speaker Amerongen)

Gutless (October 23, 1995 - Acting Speaker Clegg - warning)

Gutter thinking the Hon. Member does (May 9, 1974 - Speaker Amerongen)

Half-truth (May 18, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)

Half-wit (May 23, 1996 - Speaker Schumacher - not heard by Speaker but would have been ruled unparliamentary)

Head for the hills in front of everybody else (April 16, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen - related to civil servants during Committee - remark withdrawn)

He chickened out, the bum (December 14, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

He gave me an answer that he knew was not correct (June 5, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Hell

Rulings
June 26, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
April 3, 1992 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
March 26, 1991 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
June 12, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 29, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
April 15, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
May 20, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
Mar. 6, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Hell, “stay the hell out”

Rulings
April 3, 1992 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
March 23, 1992 (Chairman Schumacher)
Herd

Rulings
May 30, 1985 (Speaker Amerongen)
November 1, 1983 (Speaker Amerongen)

Hightailing it off to China, instead of (October 28, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher)

Hon. Members who have perhaps slept through most of this (May 19, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Honest, come (March 30, 1987 - other Member objected and accepted inferred withdrawal/apology)

Honest, the Member is not being entirely (August 15, 1996)

Hoodwink

Rulings
November 22, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)
May 8, 1992 (Speaker Carter)

Horseshit, "That's horseshit" (November 22, 2001-Speaker Kowalski-withdrawn at request of Chair)

House is wasting its time (February 4, 1975 - Speaker Amerongen)

Hypocrisy/Hypocrite/Hypocrites/Hypocritical

Rulings
August 22, 1996 - Deputy Speaker Tannas)
November 1, 1995 - Speaker ?? - caution expressed)
March 29, 1994 - Chairman Tannas - warning given)
June 13, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
March 18, 1991 (Chairman Schumacher)
May 15, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 8, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Hypocrisy, crass (June 23, 1988 - Deputy Chairman Musgrave - warning)

Idiocy (May 17, 1994 - withdrawn at Chairman Tannas' request)

Idiocy, point of (May 6-7, 1997 - withdrawn - Speaker Kowalski)

Idiot (Apr. 14, 1988 - Deputy Chairman Musgrave)

Idiot, "any idiot could determine" (March 11, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment at request of Chair)

Idiot mayor (May 31, 1988 - Deputy Speaker Gogo - withdrawn on request from another Member)

Idiot, what an (March 4, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment at
request of Chair)

Ignorance, the hon. members were once again displaying a complete (February 26, 1971 - Speaker Dixon)

Ignorant speech, offensive and (November 24, 1981 - Speaker Amerongen)

Ignorant, “what an ignorant thing to say” (May 27, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski – withdrawn)

Incompetent (September 22, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher)

Insincere and grandstanding steps (March 29, 1982 - Speaker Amerongen)

Insulting (May 11, 1984 - Deputy Chairman Purdy)

Integrity, I didn’t know there was any integrity over there to insult (February 24, 1994 - Speaker Schumacher)

Interested in the issue itself, not (June 26, 1979 - Speaker Amerongen - imputes motives)

Irresponsible

Rulings
April 21, 1993 (Speaker Carter)
June 23, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
June 16, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
May 18, 1988 (withdrawn at the request of another Member)
May 27, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
April 10, 1986 (Speaker Amerongen)
October 29, 1980 (Speaker Amerongen)

Irresponsible rhetoric (October 29, 1980 - Speaker Amerongen)

Irresponsibly (June 16, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Jackasses (April 10, 1995 - Chairman Tannas - Member apologized)

Jacked around (May 6, 1988 - Speaker Carter - called to order)

Jesus, you’re ... (directed at Chair) (April 21, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Jewed out (October 7, 1993 - Deputy Chairman Clegg apologized voluntarily)

Jokers across the way (June 18, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Jollies abusing immigrants (March 24, 1992 - Speaker Carter - reflections on a Member)

"Kicking the teeth of children" (September 2, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher - warning)
Kick your butt out (March 9, 1994 - Deputy Speaker Tannas - unparliamentary language dependent on phrase or context)

Know what's going on, doesn't (March 20, 1987 - Speaker Carter - imputed motives)

Leader, if he still is the (March 18, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Liar

Rulings
May 8, 2000 (Speaker Kowalski - Member voluntarily withdrew remark)
March 15, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher)
February 22, 1995 (Acting Speaker Clegg - voluntarily withdrawn)
May 23, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
July 21, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
November 22, 1983 (Speaker Amerongen)

Lie/Lied/Lying

Rulings
April 18, 2000 (Speaker Kowalski - totally inappropriate in context of question)
April 12, 2000 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - withdrawn at request of Chair)
April 5, 2000 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - withdrawn at request of Chair)
November 17, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - word not actually used on review of Hansard)
April 27, 1998 (Deputy Chairman Gordon - Member withdrew comment)
May 13, 1996 (Acting Speaker Clegg)
May 13, 1996 (Acting Chairman Herard)
October 30-31, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher - Member apologized)
March 15, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher)
May 4, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
March 15, 1994 (no ruling - remarks not heard by Speaker)
June 26, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
March 26, 1991 (no ruling - voluntarily withdrawn)
Dec. 10, 1990 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
June 22, 1990 (Speaker Carter - withdrawn June 26)
June 5, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)
March 13, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 9, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 28, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
June 17, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
May 6, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
March 13, 1988 (Speaker ??)
December 4, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
May 11, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
March 28, 1984 (Speaker Amerongen)
February 10, 1975 (Speaker Amerongen)
February 15, 1972 (Speaker Amerongen)
Lie, “continues to repeat the lie” (May 26, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment)

Lie (That’s a lie)
November 27, 2001 (Speaker Kowalski-Member apologized and withdrew comment)
May 26, 2009 (Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment)

Lies (Member opposite...trying to tell Albertans, in fact, lies about...) (November 24, 2008 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment)

Listen to the government, not the opposition (April 23, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - caution only)

Little-time-left Thatcher (June 14, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Longest tongue and emptiest head (August 3, 1989 - Chairman Schumacher)

Manhunt (November 26, 1981 - Speaker Amerongen)

Minister of gobbledygook (March 8, 1978 - Speaker ??)

Mislead and misrepresent, intention to (March 17, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski)

Mislead, continue to (November 1, 1994 - Speaker Schumacher - warning)

Mislead(ing)/misled the House/Assembly

Rulings
April 23, 2009 (Speaker Kowalski - caution only - Member withdrew comment)
April 26, 2005 (Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comment and apologized on next sitting day)
April 7, 2005 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member withdrew comment on behalf of Member who made comment)
May 17, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member withdrew comment)
April 27, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
June 1, 1990 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
May 23, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 9, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
March 19, 1987 (Deputy Speaker Gogo)
July 8, 1986 (no ruling - voluntarily withdrawn)
May 13, 1985 (Speaker Amerongen)

Mislead (the House), deliberately/deliberately meant to

Rulings
April 17, 1997 (Speaker Kowalski)
October 26, 1993 (Speaker Schumacher)
March 25, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
December 4, 1987 (Speaker Carter - warning)
March 11, 1987 (Deputy Speaker Gogo)
Mislead (the people of Alberta), deliberate attempt to (November 10, 1977 - Speaker Amerongen)

Misleading

Rulings
March 7, 2006 (Deputy Speaker Marz - Member apologized)
March 1, 2006 (Speaker Kowalski)
April 17, 1997 (Speaker Kowalski)
August 27, 1996 (Deputy Speaker Tannas)
February 20, 1996 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - caution expressed)
October 26, 1993 (Speaker Schumacher)
June 28, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 5, 1990 (Speaker Carter - no one Member identified)
September 9, 1986 (Speaker Carter)

Misleading information (March 26, 1992 - Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson - imputing motives)

Misleading, intentionally (June 23, 1988 - Deputy Chairman Musgrave)

Misleading statement (September 9, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Misleading the Assembly/House/Albertans

Rulings
November 14, 2001 (Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)
May 17, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member withdrew comment)
May 23, 1990 (Speaker ??)
March 19, 1987 (Speaker ??)
July 8, 1986 (Speaker ??)

Misleading, totally (May 6, 1988 - Speaker Carter - warning)

Misleads, she deliberately (April 8, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Misled

Rulings
June 5, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
May 29, 1987 (Speaker ??)

Misled, deliberately

Rulings
March 12, 1996 (Speaker ?? - clarification)
May 10, 1990 (Speaker Carter)

Mockery out of Private Members' Day, opposition side ... made a (March 2, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen - out of order as Speaker and staff responsible for Order Paper)
Monkeys (June 23, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Motivation...isn't in the best interest of the people (February 4, 1975-Sp. Amerongen-impudes motives)

Mouse, the minister acts like a mouse, squeaks like a mouse, and is a/the hon. mousy minister (June 21, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Mute, muzzled, and guzzled (November 1, 1983 - Speaker Amerongen)

Narrow-minded attitude of the opposition, constant chippy little (May 4, 1972 - Speaker Amerongen)

Nazi

Rulings
May 16, 2006 (Chairman Marz - Member withdrew comment and apologized on next sitting day at request of Chair)
March 3, 1994 (withdrawn at request of other Member)
March 26, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
August 14, 1989 (Speaker Carter - no ruling)

Not worthy of your office (June 9, 1989 - Speaker Carter - Speaker apologized for own words)

Odious, "questionable practice, one so odious that it smells..." (May 7, 1992 - Speaker Carter - warning)

Offensive and ignorant speech (November 24, 1981-Speaker Amerongen-no ruling-withdrawn by Member)

Operation, "why don't you get an operation and have your lips attached to your brain?" (May 12, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski)

Order, you're out of (directed at Chair) (June 11, 1987 - Speaker Carter - Member apologized)

Paranoia - (May 9, 1974 - Speaker Amerongen)

Payoff, that was his (July 25, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Piss, "Please Lord, let there be another oil boom. I promise not to piss it all away next time" (March 1, 2006 - Chairman Marz - Member apologized and withdrew comment)

Political Heelers (February 17, 1939 - Speaker Dawson)

Pompous, and arrogant (May 26, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Pontius Pilate (June 21, 1988 - Chairman Gogo - close to limits - imputes motives)
Puffer fish (referring to a Member) (March 24, 1994 - remark clarified at request of other Member)

Puppets

Rulings
November 21, 1983 (Speaker Amerongen)
April 9, 1981 (Speaker Amerongen)

Put on a show (April 14, 1981 - Speaker Amerongen)

Quacking, sitting over there (March 5, 1971 - Speaker Dixon)

Racist (March 22, 1990 - Speaker Carter - warning)

Racist party of Canada (March 21, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Racist regime in South Africa (July 18, 1986 - Speaker Carter - comments against foreign government)

Rat, better to be all of those things than a rat like him (May 4, 1993 - Speaker Carter)

Run off at the chops (May 23, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Scabs

Rulings
February 4 & 8, 1993 (Speaker Carter - Member apologized)
May 4, 1990 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
May 1, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
August 15, 1989 (Speaker Carter)

Seam (May 4, 1993 - Speaker Carter - warning)

Screwing (it) up/screwup/screwed up

Rulings
April 3, 1992 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
April 25, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
March 15, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
May 24, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 27, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 16, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
December 9, 1987 (Member cautioned)

Scummy - May 10, 1988 (Speaker Carter)

Scuzzball - May 9, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
Seals, trained

Rulings
February 19, 1998 (Speaker ??)
March 25, 1991 (Speaker ??)

Sell his mother, he'd probably (June 1, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher - Member asked to reconsider his characterization)

Shifting Albertans (December 11, 1990 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Sham

Rulings
May 6, 1993 (no ruling)
May 4, 1993 (Speaker Carter)

Shame

Rulings
April 21, 1993 (Speaker Carter)
March 20, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
May 16, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
May 13, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
December 6, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
November 30, 1990 (Speaker Carter)

"She" (instead of "the hon. minister") (October 26, 1993 - Deputy Chairman Clegg)

Sheep, I don't believe they're all (June 5, 1997 - Deputy Speaker Tannas - caution expressed)

Shill "use of public dollars to shill his own writings" (November 26, 2003 - Speaker Kowalski)

Shoddy written testimony (July 24, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Show, leader wanted to put on a (April 14, 1981 - Speaker Amerongen)

Shut up

Rulings
December 4, 2002 (no ruling - phrase not heard by Chair)
February 28, 1994 (withdrawn at request of Speaker Schumacher)
June 22, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
May 22, 1992 (Speaker Carter)

Shut up and listen

Rulings
April 27, 2004 (Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment)
June 22, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
March 13, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Shut up, you jerk (December 11, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Shut up, you wimp (May 26, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Shysterish (June 21, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Sit still and shut up (May 9, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Skewed to some sort of an advantage (April 22, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized)

Skim (April 28, 1992 - Speaker Carter - caution expressed)

Skunk (March 28, 1984 - Speaker Amerongen)

Sleaze and slime (May 26, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Sleazy

  Rulings
  May 11, 1993 (Speaker Carter)
  June 1, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
  May 10, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
  June 28, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
  May 10, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
  May 4, 1986 (Speaker Carter - not withdrawn)

Slept through most of this, Members who (May 19, 1988 - unnecessary comment - Speaker Carter)

Slimeball (May 4, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Slimy (August 10, 1989 - Speaker Carter - no Member identified)

Slippery and slimy, you're interested in all things that are (June 10, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Slippery Larry (June 4, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Slush fund (December 1, 1998)

Smart-ass/Smart-ass thing he said

  Rulings
  June 17, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
  May 31, 1990 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)

Snide "who likes to make snide remarks...when the people in Hinton were poisoned" (May 4, 1992 - Speaker Carter - warning)
So-called hon. ... (June 6, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Sponged off the community (March 26, 1984 - Speaker Amerongen)

Steal (April 28, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Stonewalling (March 31, 1987 - Speaker Carter - Member asked to rephrase)

Stupid
  September 2, 1993 (Speaker Schumacher - warning)
  May 25, 2009 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member immediately apologized and withdrew comment)
  May 25, 2009 (Acting Speaker Mitzel - Member withdrew comment)

Stupid/deaf, "is he deaf or just stupid?" (April 22, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized at request of Chair)

Stupidity (reference to a specific Member) (June 25, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Suppressing evidence (March 8, 1990 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Tail between his legs, hightailing it off to China with his (October 28, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher)

Take his jacket and stuff it in his mouth (August 26, 1996 - Acting Chairman Herard - Member apologized)

Terrorism, minister responsible for economic (April 30, 1993 - Speaker Carter)

Thatcher, little-time-left (June 14, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Threaten you Mr. Speaker, members of the opposition ... have chosen this device to (May 20, 1983 - Speaker Amerongen - imputes motives)

Threatening people who had government contracts (May 7, 1974 - no ruling - remark withdrawn)

Throw up and vomit (March 23, 1987 - Deputy Chairman Musgreave)

Thugs (November 29, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Totalitarian, "ride over democracy and put it under their totalitarian heel" (June 1, 2009 - Deputy Speaker Cao - caution)

Trained seals

Rulings
  February 19, 1998 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling, remark withdrawn)
  March 25, 1991 (Speaker Carter)
Trash, piece of (reference to Bill)

Rulings
June 26, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 21, 1988 (Chairman Gogo - warning)

True, that's not (directed at Chair) (March 16, 1990 - Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)

Trust, can't/trusted, can't be

Rulings
June 14, 1989 (Speaker ??)
June 12, 1989 (Speaker Carter - Member asked to rephrase)
June 7, 1989 (Speaker Carter)

Truth, deliberately hid the (March 9, 1990 - no ruling - voluntarily withdrawn)

Truth, doesn't tell the (April 30, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment)

Truth “...is telling the truth simply a policy decision?” (November 14, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew remark and apologized on behalf of Member who made remark)

Truth, it's the Premier that is not telling us the (June 13, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Truth, never tell the (March 3, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew remark at the request of the Chair)

Truth, not telling the

Rulings
March 8, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - remark withdrawn)
February 15, 1996 (Speaker Schumacher - depends on context used)

Truth, telling the, which the hon. Member is not doing (June 16, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Truth, this minister ... didn't tell the

Rulings
May 4, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
April 3, 1990 (Speaker Carter)

Truth, twisting the (April 27, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - Member apologized and withdrew comment)

Truth, I'm glad if that's the (March 26, 1992 - Speaker Carter)

Truth, won't be telling the (March 8, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member withdrew comment)

Unbelievable, this Minister is (March 18, 1988 - no ruling - Speaker Carter)
Underhanded (May 17, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Underhanded attempt to buy votes (April 29, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen)

Unscrupulous (July 28, 1986 - Deputy Chairman Musgrave)

Untrue and he knows it (February 22, 1973 (Speaker Amerongen - "knowingly" part withdrawn)

Untruths (May 6, 1988 - Speaker Carter - called to order)

Waste the time of some 75 people (February 4, 1975 - improper to suggest House is wasting its time)

Water witch (May 4, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew comments at request of Chair)

Weak and obsequious questions (March 20, 1987 - Speaker Carter - imputed motives)

Weasel (July 28, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Weaselling (February 5, 1975 - Speaker Amerongen)

Wife, no idea ... where his wife might be (July 21, 19?? - voluntary withdrawal)

Witch hunt (March 20, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen)

Why don’t you get an operation and have your lips attached to your brain? (May 12, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski - Member withdrew remarks)

You (instead of "the minister/member") (March 25, 1992 - Speaker Carter)
LANGUAGE NOT RULED UNPARLIAMENTARY

Abysmal (March 18, 1998 - Speaker Kowalski - reference to performance, not a Member)

Arrogant (May 28, 2001 - Speaker Kowalski - ruled parliamentary per Beauchesne, s.490)

Ass, get off your (April 1, 1987 - Chairman Gogo - acceptable in context)

B.S., a budget surplus (June 19, 1991 - Deputy Chairman Jonson - Member asked to find clearer way of expressing term)

Badly misleads (March 21, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher - no intent expressed)

Balderdash (May 8, 2006 - Chairman Marz)

Barking like seals (February 24, 1999 - Deputy Speaker Tannas - word context inflammatory)

Believe that that is a fact, it is a little difficult for me to (March 8, 1977 - Speaker Amerongen - close to limits)

Betrayed (November 13, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - comments directed at a report not a Member)

Big mouth, who's got a (April 23, 1991 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Blabbedly blab (August 13, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Blatant patronage appointments using a former MLA (August 13, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Bought off (May 4, 1995 - Speaker Schumacher - warning)

Butt, kick your butt out (March 9, 1994 - Speaker ??)

Concealing (October 21, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher - caution expressed)

Cooking the books/cooked books

Rulings
April 10, 1991 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
November 28, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
October 9-10, 1990 (Chairman Ady - ruling appealed)

Cover up/Cover-up (November 13, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - comments directed at a report not a Member)

Deceived (November 13, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - comments directed at a report not a Member)
Deceives - "Such a stance as Motion 220 takes deceives the electorate..." (June 18, 1992 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher - acceptable in context)

Deception and misrepresentation (March 25, 1987 - Speaker Carter - caution expressed)

Didn't tell the truth (April 3, 1990-Sp. Carter-originally ruled unparliamentary, concern expressed later)

Distortions (May 15, 1984 - Deputy Speaker Appleby - no direct reference to Members)

Doublecross (May 4, 1995 - Speaker Schumacher - warning)

Double-dipping (February 8, 1993 - Speaker Carter)

Double their pay and try to cut the session in two (February 21, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen)

Elected body is apparently a forum of drunken first impressions (July 27, 1989 - Speaker Carter - "close to comment on this House")

Emergency staff, "it may be in the hon. gentleman's interest to settle down a little bit. You might have to call in some emergency staff" (March 2, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski)

False information/statements

   Rulings
   November 13, 2007 (Speaker Kowalski - comments directed at a report not a Member)
   May 2, 2000 (Speaker Kowalski - acceptable in context used)
   March 28, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher - acceptable in context used)

Falsehood (June 29, 1989 - Chairman Gogo - acceptable in context used)

Fascist (March 19, 1996 - not referring to individual Member)

Farced piece of consultation (December 1, 1998 - Speaker ?? - insulting language)

Filibuster

   Rulings
   May 1, 2000 (Speaker Kowalski)
   May 6, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski)
   August 13, 1986 (Speaker Carter)
   July 9, 1986 (Chairman Gogo)

Friends (May 6, 1997 - referred to partisanship - Speaker Kowalski)

Get off your ass (April 1, 1987 - Chairman Gogo - not directed at any person)

Gibberish, "if she would know the difference between appropriate use of public borrowing as defined by just about every democracy and country in the world right now and gibberish" (October
29, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski

Hoodwinking (Oct. 21, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher - caution expressed)

Hypocrisy

Rulings
April 20, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
March 20, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher)
April 14, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Hypocritical

Rulings
November 1, 1995 (Deputy Speaker Tannas - caution)
June 21, 1991 (directed at Government collectively)
June 18, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 18, 1991 (Speaker ??)
April 14, 1987 (not unparliamentary - Speaker Carter)
November 15, 1972 (not directly objectionable - Speaker Amerongen)

Incorrect, that's completely (March 9, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - caution only)

Innate integrity, what the Tories are doing does not fall into the classification of (March 14, 1972 - close to the limits - imputes motives - Speaker Amerongen)

Innuendo (April 12, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - cautioned Members on the use of provocative words)

Irresponsible (May 18, 1988 - Chairman Gogo)

Irresponsibility (August 28, 1986 - referred to policies not Members - Speaker Carter)

Knickers, “don’t caught with their knickers down” (March 18, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski)

Lie, “anything that is not true is a lie” (November 17, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - not unparliamentary in the context used)

Lied (either say (a) we lied to the people of Alberta ... or (b) we made a mistake (June 12, 1991 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher - not unparliamentary in context used)

Lie, that is a (November 19, 2001 - Speaker Kowalski)

Made up instances (April 1, 1987 - Speaker Carter - acceptable in context used)

Misinformed (May 22, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski)

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Mislead

Rulings
May 15, 2003 (Sp. Kowalski-Member apologized-Members cautioned about proper use of this word)
March 23, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - not unparliamentary in context used)

Misleading (April 18, 2002 - Speaker Kowalski - not unparliamentary language in context used and
directed at group, not individual Member)

Misleading Albertans

Rulings
November 13, 2007 (Speaker Kowalski - comments directed at a report not a Member)
April 27, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - better phrase could have been found)
November 27, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 13, 1990 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson - not unparliamentary in context used)

Misleading statements (May 26, 1987 - Speaker Carter)

Misleading the House

Rulings
April 12, 2007 (Speaker Kowalski - cautioned Members on the use of provocative words)
June 21, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher - acceptable in context used)
June 29, 1989 (no ruling)
May 18, 1988 (Chairman Gogo - acceptable in context used)
April 1, 1987 (Speaker Carter)

Misleading the public

Rulings
March 23, 1999 (Sp. Kowalski-not directed at a particular individual, referring to budget figures)
April 11, 1994 (Speaker Schumacher - acceptable in context used)

Misled

Rulings
February 12, 1998 (Speaker Kowalski)
March 7, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher)
February 28-March 1, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher - acceptable in context used)
February 22, 1995 (no ruling)
February 16, 1995 (Speaker Schumacher - warning)
March 21, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Misled the public (April 7, 2005-Speaker Kowalski-not directed at particular Member but caution
expressed)
Misrepresentation

Rulings
March 2, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - inflammatory, but acceptable in context used)
May 28, 1997 (Speaker Kowalski - acceptable in context used)
June 29, 1989 (no ruling)

Monkeys, “82 monkeys could run this Province better than this Government” (August 30, 2006 - Speaker Kowalski - comment made outside Assembly - no point of order)

Morality, ignored...the subject of (March 14, 1972-Sp. Amerongen-close to the limits-imputes motives)

Not true (allegations...made by a member of the opposition...were absolutely unclear and not true) (November 15, 2008 - Speaker Kowalski - not unparliamentary in context used)

One Member in this House does nothing but encourage racist tendencies (March 22, 1990 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Paranoia that seems to exist with some Members (May 9, 1974- Speaker Amerongen - not directed at members; reference to legislation)

Patronage, Opponent to (October 20, 1993 - Speaker Schumacher - understood as "proponent to" - due to noise level)

Political healer (October 18, 1973 - concern expressed - Speaker Amerongen)

Political stature, strategy ... to regain some (May 18, 1972 - Deputy Speaker Diachuk - no rule broken)

Psychiatrist, if there is something hon. gentlemen could use ... it is a (May 2, 1973 - Chairman Diachuk - not directed at any individual - ruling appealed - ruling upheld)

Puppet strings were really tight on that bill (March 30, 1978 - Speaker Amerongen)

Redneck (May 17, 1994 - no ruling)

Rhetoric (May 8, 2006 - Chairman Marz)

Scam (May 4, 1994 - Speaker Schumacher - warning)

Scurrilous (May 4, 1990 - unable to determine if directed at individual)

Secret (May 22, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski)

Shafting Albertans (December 11, 1990 - Speaker Carter - Member cautioned)

Shame, shame on us all, shame on you Provincial Treasurer (February 15, 1994-Speaker Schumacher)
Shifty (July 23, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Skim (May 4, 1992 - Speaker Carter - used in a collective sense)

Sneaky little member (April 22, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - displeasure expressed with phraseology used)

Stagger to his feet (February 24, 1994 - no ruling)

Unclear (allegations...made by a member of the opposition...were absolutely unclear and not true) (November 15, 2008 - Speaker Kowalski - not unparliamentary)

Untrue, that is (March 9, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski - caution only)

Witch hunt (March 20, 1973 - Speaker Amerongen)

Wooing notes motivated by business relationships (March 16, 1931 - Speaker Johnston)

Yahoos (May 24, 1984 - Deputy Chairman Purdy)
ADDITIONAL RULINGS

Remarks directed at a specific Member as opposed to a caucus or side collectively not unparliamentary but not proper comment

Attention, “not paying attention” (March 30, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)

Double-cross and stab our teachers in the back (March 11, 2002 - Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)

Drivel (April 9, 2002 - Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member voluntarily apologized and withdrew comment - apology accepted)

Fearmongering (May 11, 2006 - Speaker Kowalski - Member cautioned not to use that kind of language in the future)

Go back to India (March 8, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - no ruling, Member withdrew comment voluntarily - apology extended and accepted)

Hides behind legal mumbo-jumbo jargon (March 17, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - no ruling - Member withdrew remark)

Honest enough, if the Treasurer would finally be (April 5, 1991 - Speaker Carter)

Hypocritical, This minister and this government are incredibly (May 15, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

I'm not sure that we could count on his word lasting for any particular length of time (June 29, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Out on bail (Minister asked if a Member was out on bail) (December 8, 1997 - Speaker Kowalski - Minister later apologized)

Reasonable, “reasonable people ask reasonable questions. The opposition member opposite obviously isn’t one of those.” (May 5, 2009 - Speaker Kowalski)

Sneaky little Member (April 22, 1999 - Speaker Kowalski - humorous context but still inappropriate)

Trust (distrust, mistrust, can’t be trusted)

Rulings
June 20, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 12, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 8, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
Remarks directed at Members/Government/Caucus collectively not unparliamentary but not proper comment

Bribe the electorate (May 13, 1988 - Deputy Speaker Gogo - no ruling as Blues were to be checked and no further action was taken)

Budget not only reeks of dishonesty but is needlessly cruel and heartless (April 5, 1991 - Sp. Carter)

Can't trust the government to tell the truth about their secret deals (July 21, 1989 - Speaker Carter)

Distortions (May 15, 1984 - Deputy Speaker Appleby)

Fascist government (June 23, 1988 - no ruling)

If there is something hon. gentlemen could use over there perhaps it is a psychiatrist (May 2, 1973 - Chairman Diachuk)

Illegal (May 18-19, 1988 - Speaker Carter)

Irresponsibility (August 28, 1986 - Speaker Carter)

Manure (February 24, 1999 - Acting Speaker Gordon - no ruling - Member agreed to be more careful)

Misleading

Rulings
June 4, 2008 (Speaker Kowalski - caution expressed)
April 18, 2002 (Speaker Kowalski)
June 21, 1990 (Deputy Speaker Schumacher)

Misled the public (April 7, 2005 - Speaker Kowalski)

Political heelers (February 17, 1939 - Speaker Dawson)

Propaganda, "Public Affairs Bureau is...the propaganda arm of the Government"

Rulings
March 16, 2004 (Chairman Tannas - Member substituted different word)
March 16, 2004 (Chairman Tannas - Member cautioned)

That is part of the offensiveness of being in this Legislature; you start to be hypocritical and pontificate (June 18, 1990 - Deputy Speaker Schumacher and Speaker Carter)

The NDP have said 'defy and break', which is a terrible thing for lawmakers to countenance law breaking (May 17, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Skim (directed in a collective sense) (May 4, 1992 - Speaker Carter)
Trust (distrust, mistrust, can’t be trusted)

Rulings
June 16, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 14, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 12, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 8, 1989 (Speaker Carter)

You’re running away (March 4, 2004 - Speaker Kowalski)

General comments on unparliamentary language

Rulings
March 17, 2004 (Speaker Kowalski - Minister speaking as a journalist used potentially unparliamentary terms - caution expressed)
March 3, 2004 (Sp. Kowalski-caution expressed)
May 18, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski-Member cannot accuse another Member of uttering a deliberate falsehood)
May 6, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski-statement re decorum, appropriate debate, and exhibits)
April 20, 1999 (Deputy Speaker Tannas-cannot quote documents containing unparliamentary language, cannot do indirectly what is unacceptable directly in debate)
April 20, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - context of use important determinant if a phrase is ruled parliamentary or unparliamentary)
March 23, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - context of the word important factor in ruling a term parliamentary or unparliamentary)
March 2, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - context of the word important, and further comments on inflammatory language)
February 24, 1999 (Dep. Speaker Tannas-context of word important, not merely word itself)
February 17, 1999 (Speaker Kowalski - remarks “suppressing evidence” were qualified with the word “if” - no point of order)
February 12, 1998 (Speaker Kowalski)
January 29, 1998 (Speaker Kowalski)
June 3, 1997 (Speaker Kowalski-remark declaring a Bill to “offend” parliamentary practice, not appropriate)
April 9, 1992 (Speaker Carter-Member apologized for using unparliamentary language three times in three paragraphs of Hansard the previous week - April 2, 1992)
June 10, 1991 (Speaker Carter - remarks directed at Member’s family)
March 18, 1991 (Deputy Chairman Jonson)
June 15, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
June 1, 1990 (Acting Deputy Speaker Jonson)
May 17, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
May 10, 1990 (Speaker Carter - remarks on introduction of Bill)
May 8, 1990 (Speaker Carter - Member not recognized until apology offered)
May 4, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
March 26, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
March 12, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
September 11, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 29, 1989 (Chairman Schumacher)
June 12, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 9, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 8, 1988 (Deputy Speaker Gogo)
May 18, 1988 (Chairman Gogo)
May 11, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
May 6, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
May 6, 1988 (Speaker Carter)
March 18, 1988 (Speaker Carter - exchange between Members out of order)
November 25, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
April 3-6, 1987 (Sp. Carter-Member mistakenly called to order; Speaker apologized)
April 1, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
March 25, 1987 (Speaker Carter)
March 12, 1987 (Speaker Carter - Members responsible for own statements)
June 18, 1986 (Speaker Carter - exchange between Members out of order)
April 8, 1986 (Speaker Amerongen - exchange between Members out of order)
November 1, 1983 (Speaker Amerongen)
March 8, 1977 (Speaker Amerongen - remarks open to interpretation)
March 3, 1977 (Speaker Amerongen - derogatory remarks struck from Hansard with unanimous consent)
March 25, 1976 (Speaker Amerongen - derogatory remarks struck from Hansard with unanimous consent)
April 16, 1973 (Chairman Diachuk - comments against public servants)
March 2, 1973 (Speaker Amerongen - exchange between Members)
May 4, 1972 (Speaker Amerongen - reflections on Members' personalities)
March 14, 1972 (Speaker Amerongen - exchange between Members)
March 5, 1971 (Speaker Dixon)
February 24, 1971 (Speaker Dixon)

Comments on Royal Family (June 13, 1991 - Speaker Carter - remarks made were not inappropriate)

Reference to a Deity (May 3, 2007 - Speaker Kowalski - should be made with a degree of respect)

Remarks concerning judges and courts of justice

Rulings
July 2, 1992 (Speaker Carter)
May 17, 1990 (Speaker Carter)
August 17, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
June 27, 1989 (Speaker Carter)
May 30-31, 1988 (Deputy Speaker Gogo and Speaker Carter)
March 5, 1971 (no ruling but statement by Government House Leader)
Speaker unable to rule on statements made outside the House (see also Debate, Chair has no knowledge of items outside of the House) (May 17, 1990 - Speaker Carter)

Speaker unable to rule on statements not heard/printed in Hansard

Rulings
March 7, 2000 (Speaker Kowalski)
February 22, 1994 (Deputy Speaker Tannas)