

required by our people. Governments must assist the low income groups to obtain insurance, and must subsidize the older age groups whose expenditures are double the average and whose costs continue to rise with advancing years. We must set up a system which is flexible and which can adjust to the challenges of tomorrow. It is for these reasons I support the amendment moved by the hon. member for Simcoe East (Mr. Rynard), for it will provide immediately for the people in need in my province, a thought which I would commend for the consideration of the minister from Nova Scotia.

Thank you.

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings):

Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to participate in this debate. At the outset I should like to object strongly to those on the other side of this house and those of the fourth estate who suggest that because a member participates in this debate he is protracting the debate, obstructing the passage of this bill or filibustering.

As a result of this legislation we will write into our statute books a piece of social legislation which will remain with Canadians perhaps for all time. I have very little patience with those who criticize us because we participate in this important debate. I wish only that members opposite, such as the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Faulkner), would take part in the debate, as members on this side have done.

Having singled out the hon. member for Peterborough, and before he rises on a question of privilege, let me say that I agree with him. I know what he and the young Turks who met at Peterborough think. There are people in this party who think I perhaps could be a young Turk. Where in the world are all the young Turks tonight who are worried about this important piece of legislation? Surely we in this house should be concerned with this measure and should present our views. I hope the hon. member for Peterborough will rise in his place and state his opinion. I hope that other hon. members opposite will participate as actively as members in this party, and in the party to my left.

I come from a province which has Dalhousie as the fountainhead of medicine in the maritimes. I do not apologize for participating in the debate on this bill dealing with medical services. Let me point out that only last week a graduate of the same class to which the previous member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings belonged won a Nobel peace

prize in the field of medicine. I wish I could speak with the knowledge as well as with the conviction and sincerity which would be obvious if that man had the privilege of speaking on medical matters in this house. I refer of course to Dr. Charles Huggins of Chicago who graduated from Acadia in 1920.

I am sure that eastern Canadians as well as other Canadians have a very real interest in this bill. We support the principle of medical services, without qualification, for all Canadians. The hon. member for Peterborough I am sure wants to say something. In view of what he has said in private at certain week end seances I will sit down and give him the opportunity of speaking.

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I rise—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Let me remind the hon. member that when a member rises to speak he must be in his own place.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to relinquish my opportunity to speak, but simply to allow the hon. member for Peterborough to state his question of privilege.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I believe the hon. member is now back in his seat.

Mr. Faulkner: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on what I hope will be accepted as a question of privilege. I should like to take exception to the remarks of the hon. member to the effect that—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It appears that the hon. member intends to argue with his hon. friend across the house. An argument is not a question of privilege.

Mr. Faulkner: My question of privilege relates to the suggestion that I came into this house in order to—

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. There is already a question of privilege before the house. I will hear that question and then listen to the hon. member's point of order.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): On the contrary, there is no question of privilege in what the hon. member has to say. He said he was not rising on a question of privilege. I heard it on this side of the house, and I am sure the Chair, heard it. Unless the hon. member states his question of privilege the Chair should put him back in his place, now that he knows where it is.