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On the issue of the right to strike and should it remain and so on, Tories are always poking away at that one, that is their right-wing agenda coming back.

Let me tell the member across the way that if that right is ever removed, it should be negotiated. When they enter into negotiations with the union as well, they can negotiate with it and see if they can find something better. Meanwhile, those threats of removing the right to strike in the middle of the labour dispute by Conservatives do not do any good.

Finally, I was asked how policemen should do their work. Perhaps the member knows that this is not the provincial legislature.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Further questions or comments? The hon. member for Laval-Est.

**Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and to Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship):** Mr. Speaker, before addressing what was said by the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, I would like to set the record straight, because the Liberals have a terrible habit of getting figures all mixed up. First of all, the president has not been with Canada Post for 11 years. Mr. Speaker, these remarks are not directed to the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell but to the hon. member who spoke before. There were two presidents: Michael Warren, from 1981 to 1985, and Donald Lander, from 1985 until now. The hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell says he knows that. Too bad he did not say so before. I had to go and look it up.

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Before, in 1981, Canada Post was administered by ministers and public servants—by bureaucrats. There were plenty of those! However there was also an annual deficit that varied from \$400 to \$600 million. Taxpayers are aware of this, and they don't want any part of it. I would prefer a profit of \$200 million and getting my mail.

The hon. member said earlier:

[English]

“We sold the assets, that is why you made money.” The important thing in this world is to get the mail delivered before two or three weeks, to get the mail like it is today, in two or three days. We have the best service

in the world now. Canada Post is one of the best services in the world. That is what the business people want in my area.

If my friend is looking for more names, the hon. member from the Montreal area was a postmaster general in the days when the mail was not delivered very much. We did not do a lot when it was freezing in the winter time, I admit that, but we had a \$600 million deficit because it was administered by the bureaucrats and the minister.

What I would like to know from my hon. colleague is what is important, the colour of the trucks or delivery of the mail? It is to get the mail through in a few days, as soon as possible, so businesses can get their mail, the senior people can get their cheques and all this.

[Translation]

I also wanted to tell the hon. member that if things are that bad, if this government is as bad as all that, how come Canada Post is one the best postal services in the world today? How come our businesses are satisfied? In 1984, when I was elected—and I am about to conclude my remarks—we saw trucks run by all kinds of companies, like Purolator, but not by Canada Post. Today, we hardly see any. At the time, Canada Post was losing contracts to private businesses, but today, it is a private business.

I have nothing but praise for Mr. Lander, the new president.

[English]

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Speaker, this was real good. It depends on what you think real good is.

I was glad that the member mentioned the colour of the trucks because I had almost forgotten about the millions that were spent by Canada Post to make a new logo. Instead of delivering the mail it had to design a logo that is shaped like a wing.

Some people were too busy flying off the handle with this new logo. Do you know what it did? It removed from the logo of Canada and any identification of Canada and replaced it with a wing. Where it said Canada Post *La Société canadienne des postes* it now says Mail Post. It has removed the word Canada and removed the Canadian flag from a national institution. That was the best it could do at that time and I am glad the