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will be people put into such positions as Inspector General; there will be a review committee and a Director. All of these people will be appointed if this Government has its way with this Bill, and it will be for lengthy periods of time. You can bet your bottom dollar that they will be Liberals. They will be in these positions with a certain amount of tenure. The Director will be able to appoint the top 40 men and women in this organization. If they follow the precedent that has been clearly established by this Government, every last one will be a Liberal with some connection, either financial or by service.

Even on the review committee there are to be Privy Councillors. Have you ever thought, Mr. Speaker, what kind of Privy Councillors we have around? For those who are watching, a Privy Councillor is a person who has been a Cabinet Minister. It is supposed to be one who is not in Parliament or in the Senate. They are looking for five. Think of some of the people they might get.

Mr. Friesen: Gillespie.

Mr. McKinnon: Gillespie, yes, indeed. This same Party may well be looking for a sure Liberal seat on June 16 for a very deserving fellow from Bay Street who may want to have a seat, if he has the nerve to face the House and assume the responsibilities of Prime Minister. Among the Members who might be willing to give up their seats is the Privy Councillor, the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East (Mr. Allmand), a former Solicitor General. We all remember his term as Solicitor General. The country will never forget it. Perhaps he would like to do it all over again.

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Mr. Friesen: Goyer.

Mr. McKinnon: Yes, there is also Jean-Pierre Goyer. I think that Canadair is about ready to get rid of him, or at least I certainly hope so. I do not know how we can afford to have him run Canadair.

Perhaps the Hon. Member for York-Scarborough (Mr. Cosgrove) is willing to give up his seat and retire to a more dignified life as a member of the review committee. The Hon. Member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen) has been gracing the front benches though not in a role which he relishes, I feel. Perhaps the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Fleming) would like to give up his seat. As well, so help us, the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey) might wish to do so. We must think about him because he has not had a plum for quite some time.

There is as well the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's (Mr. Simmons). Believe it or not, he is a Privy Councillor.

Mr. McKenzie: He would have all the qualifications.

Mr. McKinnon: He has every imaginable qualification required for him to leave his seat. In fact, he almost has a duty to leave his seat and create a vacancy. There has never actually been a Prime Minister from Burin-St. George's.

What about the Senate? I mean no disrespect by using his British Columbia nickname, but "Senator Foghorn", the Hon. Ray Perrault, might feel that he would be suitable for a review committee seeing that he has recently been relieved of responsibilities which he held up until then.

Mr. Friesen: Iona.

Mr. McKinnon: Iona is not yet a senator but that should not take long to happen. As a matter of fact, she is a Privy Councillor having once been the Minister responsible for amateur sport. She was the one who made the Loto Canada arrangements and provided so much hilarity in the House.

Another thing we have heard from the President of the Privy Council is that the McDonald Commission recommendations have been incorporated in this Bill. This of course is not so. The Senate made several recommendations which the President of the Privy Council would like us to believe have been incorporated in the Bill. The important recommendations of the Senate committee have not been incorporated in this Bill so we are frankly very much in the position of not trusting the Government to be objective or impartial when it appoints the people who will run Canada's security and intelligence agency.

For that reason, as I said the other day, I believe this Bill should be delayed. We should wait for an election when a new government with a new mandate will decide whether this is really the kind of organization Canadians want to have looking after security and intelligence. In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the point that there is still no sign that anyone on the government side has any idea of the personnel difficulties involved which will affect many employees of the current security and intelligence organization.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I would like to pick up where I left off the last time I was involved in this debate and had the opportunity to make a comment after the Hon. Member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle) had spoken. At that time I wanted Members of the House to reflect upon the historical and philosophical context in which we ought to be considering such matters as dissent and subversion. This is especially important now that the Government is committed to imposing upon the Canadian people through the parliamentary procedures it has now invoked a security service that in our view is so very unaccountable and which gives so much power to the state without any parliamentary accountability.

At that time, Mr. Speaker, I began by calling to the attention of Hon. Members the fact that our very civilization, to the extent that it is called the Judeo-Christian civilization, began on the cross with an event which was very much involved with the question of subversion and dissent. It began with Jesus Christ being crucified by the Romans. Crucifixion was something that the Romans used for the punishment of people seen to be enemies of the state. Right at the beginning of our tradition we have that central question being asked about whether the state was right in that circumstance. Of