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quickly. That was another alternative. Of course they did not do that.

There are allegations that the Department has been leaking documents. I believe the Hon. Member for Spadina has been talking about that.

Mr. Epp (Provencher): There have been no allegations.

Mr. Waddell: Yes, there have been allegations. Let me just explain, Mr. Speaker, that they are confidential documents of refugees who have given statements, in hearings, as I understand it, and suddenly the statements have come out. How have they come out? Who has leaked them? The only people who had access to them were basically government authorities. I call them "allegations", but nevertheless they are there.

Mr. Epp (Provencher): How about lawyers with retainers of several thousands of dollars a day?

Mr. Waddell: The Minister is talking about lawyers with several thousands of dollars a day—

Mr. Epp (Provencher): Think about that before you say those things.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): May I interrupt the Hon. Member and say that he is answering the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mrs. Collins). I hope he will answer that question and then, if anybody else would like to ask questions or make a comment, I will recognize them accordingly.

Mr. Waddell: With reference to other comments, there has been a phoney sea search which the Government seemed to orchestrate and which fell flat. We all thought another boat was coming with a lot more people. Where is it? That turned out to be like the *Keystone Kops*.

With respect to Bill C-55, we both agree with the principle, that the genuine ones come in and the bad ones go out quickly. However, I do not understand how the Hon. Member can explain why so many people—and I am not talking about immigration lawyers—who are fairly objective, have experience in immigration, and have dealt with refugees, think that Bill C-55 is a bad Bill. We have received telegram after telegram from groups saying that it is a terrible piece of legislation.

Finally, with respect to the six-month hoist, it is normal as a procedural move to propose a hoist, so the hoist is a no big deal situation. It is normal to do that when we want to oppose a Bill and want more debate on it.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Waddell: That happens in the House of Commons. With respect to my vote, I will let the Hon. Member know which way I will vote when the matter is called for a vote.

Mrs. Collins: I will be watching.

[Translation]

Mr. Ferland: Mr. Speaker, I will give the Hon. Member a chance to use our interpretation services.

The Hon. Member for the New Democratic Party referred earlier to the fact that he was pleased with the support he received from the Liberal Senators on Bill C-22. I may remind him that this is a direct attack by the Liberal Senate against two governments in Quebec, the Bourassa Government and the Lévesque Government, that each voted unanimously to urge the Liberal Government to pass legislation protecting drug patents. As I understand it, the Hon. Member for the New Democratic Party supports this attack against the Government of Quebec.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I know the Hon. Member is a fairly new Member, but I should like to bring to his attention that he should not reflect upon the decision or what is happening in the other place. I think it is important that he realize that.

[Translation]

Mr. Ferland: Mr. Speaker, regarding the subject before the House, which is the migrant problem, the Hon. Member said earlier that he felt the Government had been pretty ridiculous when it detailed ships to patrol our shores and prevent other vessels from landing illegal aliens.

He thinks all our measures were ridiculous. He thinks the Minister's Bill is ridiculous. He told us he did not know whether he would vote for or against the amendment.

I would like to know his real position on Bill C-55. Will he be for or against, will he vote for or against the amendment? Could he be clear and precise and say whether it will be yes or no?

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Member for his question, but I did not say I supported the Senate, and I did not even mention the Senate and what its reaction was to the drug patents legislation.

However, I can say now I think the Senate is right. This is not a good Bill. The result will be higher prices for drugs for Canada's consumers and for my constituents. I am entirely against this Bill, and I say it is a Bill for the Americans, not for the average Canadian.

As far as the Navy is concerned, it was rather confusing because the Government and the Minister said there was a ship out there, but I didn't see any ships, and finally they found one in England. This is a ridiculous situation. I don't know the French expression for *Keystone Cops*, but in English, it means a situation that is ridiculous and idiotic.

As far as Bill C-55 is concerned, I am opposed to it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The period provided for questions and comments has now expired. Resuming