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the road, there will not be any proposal worth considering.

• (1650)

The member for Papineau—Saint-Michel was saying earlier that the federal government has the right to hold a referendum on serious proposals that would be favourable to Quebec. Everybody knows that the Quebec premier is hoping for serious proposals, but he is losing hope of ever receiving some serious proposals and is even considering holding a referendum. We know full well that if the government and the Liberal Party had some serious proposals to make, the premier of Quebec would be the first one to want to submit them to the people of Quebec, but Mr. Bourassa will never have any to present.

This is why we are planning to pass a law which is nothing short of a violation of democracy, because nothing in the constitutional package will be acceptable. On top of that they want to gag us. Since the beginning of this debate those members have tried to gag us. We had been told that during the important report stage we could speak our mind on each clause. Now they tell us they are bringing the guillotine in tomorrow. Well, I think there is still some hope before they drop the guillotine tomorrow. We can still pursue the debate on this bill and hope that by arguing with our colleagues from Quebec they, at least, will understand how important it is to oppose this bill.

Therefore, pursuant to Standing Order 26, I move:

That the House continue to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of Bill C-81.

[*English*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Does the hon. member have the seconder?

Mr. Tremblay, seconded by Mr. Lapierre, pursuant to Standing Order 26(1) moves:

That the House continue to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of consideration of Bill C-81.

Will those members who object to the motion please rise in their places?

*And the count having been taken:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** More than 15 members have risen. Pursuant to Standing Order 46(2), the motion is deemed to have been withdrawn.

**Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I have listened to the remarks all day from members of the Bloc Quebecois and to listen to them you would think that they were the only ones in the House who cared about the people of Quebec.

They seem to come across like they have some special gift for giving counsel to the people of Quebec.

This kind of nonsense that has been going on today is really counter productive for the people of Quebec. I heard the member for Jonquière speak earlier today. He is an example of someone who is trying very hard to be constructive and creative in a very difficult circumstance.

As someone from downtown Toronto who does not understand all of the complexities that you are facing in your province right now, and I admit that openly, I salute you for your attempt to try to bring some order to this debate because the people who were opposing you today from the Bloc were not being constructive.

This is just small-time tactics. It is not a productive exercise and the more it goes on, my prediction will be the more they will sink themselves into oblivion.

The people of Canada are having a very difficult time understanding what is going on in this House the last two days. First of all, they tried to shut down the South Moresby National Park and now they are trying to infer that we are jamming some kind of exercise down the throats of the people of Quebec.

I believe that Quebecers are much more intelligent than the Bloc Quebecois is giving them credit for. I have many friends in the province of Quebec and they tell me that right now the thing that is uppermost on their mind is the economy. There are many, many people right now, not just in Quebec but in every part of this country, who are in deep economic pain.

There are people who are not working. There are businesses that are having difficulties making ends meet and the quicker we get rid of this divisiveness that is being promoted, the better the chances of this economy coming back together. We have so much in this country to work on, but it is pretty tough when you have this kind of counter productive spirit working, especially in this place.