

Drive. He wanted to know those kinds of interesting and scintillating pieces of information.

Mr. Blaikie: He was thorough.

Mr. Rodriguez: Exactly. I wonder how he would have reacted to the behaviour of the Conservative Government today in respect of the way it spends taxpayers' money.

In 1984 we were promised a different style. We were promised that it would be the dawning of a new day. We were promised that the Conservatives would be different from those old porkbarrel Liberals. We were promised that, and we looked forward to it. We really wanted that change. We were tired of Liberals handing out jobs to Liberal hacks and flacks. We were sick and tired. We had Liberals coming out of our ears. They had infested every commission and board across the country. It was a scandal.

Mr. Nunziata: You are going too far.

Mr. Rodriguez: It was, honestly it was. We really expected better behaviour from the Conservative Government.

There is no decency left in the Government. It is even doing these things blatantly now with the governorships. By appointing one New Democrat and one Liberal, it feels justified in appointing 10,000 more Tory hacks and flacks.

The Conservatives are not kidding anyone with that game, so they should not throw around the names of Ian Deans and Stephen Lewis. For every one of those extremely competent people who rightly occupy positions, they have appointed some 15,000 to 20,000 hacks and flacks who have absolutely no qualifications whatsoever, other than the fact that they belong to the Tory Party. Now they will be elevated to governorships.

I can foresee levels in the Tory Party. It is now stratifying; it is now a hierarchy. For an appointment to the Human Rights Commission, one just has to be a Tory member.

I do not want to delay the Bill. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the question be now put.

● (1230)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. The debate will be on the motion. The Hon. Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata).

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that it is very presumptuous of the New Democratic Party to move that motion.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Beatty: A lovers' quarrel.

Mr. Nunziata: There is no question that the motion is in order. If you bear with me a moment, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Parry: We didn't need your opinion anyway, John.

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Mr. Nunziata: Thus far we have had a representative of the Conservative Party speak on the Bill, a representative of Her Majesty's Loyal and Official Opposition, and a Member from the New Democratic Party, the third Party, speak on the Bill.

Mr. Rodriguez: What more do you need?

Mr. Nunziata: The New Democratic Party prides itself on openness. It often argues in this House and at committee that elected Members have a right to speak to legislation. New Democrats continually argue that it is important for Members to express a point of view in order for their constituents to understand where they stand.

The New Democratic Party speaks out very vigorously on the issue of closure. What absolute hypocrites the New Democrats are. I ask you, Sir, and other Members in the House to review the record on the issue of closure. On many occasions the Conservative Government has decided to invoke closure on pieces of legislation that were considered controversial, and members of the New Democratic Party, including the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), have stood up and criticized the Conservative Government for invoking closure. They have argued, and the record will show, that closure is undemocratic and that closure has no place in a parliamentary democratic system. Yet the New Democratic Party, for whatever reason, decides today to invoke a form of closure. That is hypocritical, Mr. Speaker.

Members in this House have a right to speak to this legislation. I am sure there are a number of Members opposite who wish to express a point of view, and I know that there are a number of individuals in the Liberal caucus who wish to speak to this legislation. For the New Democratic Party to invoke closure is inexcusable. The Member for Nickel Belt said that the Government should hang its head in shame. I agree with him that the Government ought to hang its head in shame for the things it has done and for its record of Government. But the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt and the rest of his Party should hang their heads in shame for doing what they are doing and for being as hypocritical as they often are. They are a self-righteous group of socialists.

When Mr. Deans was in the House he spoke of patronage. He said: "Shame, Shame" to patronage. He said: "Shame, Shame" to double dipping. But what did Mr. Deans do, Mr. Speaker? He waited until he had six years of service in the House of Commons. Why is the six year period significant? Because after six years a Member of Parliament has a pension. Is it any wonder he chose to resign after six years? He said that he was fed up with the Government. He said that the Government was lousy. Then he went to the Government cap in hand. "I want", he said on his knees, "a Government position. I need something to survive". What hypocrisy!

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member said that we were trying to cut off debate on the Bill and that he wanted to speak about it. I hope you will