

*Patent Act*

Liberal Party was about to do much the same thing as the Conservative Party is doing today.

I do not usually find myself referring to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre), but on many occasions when he has answered questions in this House about why the Government brought this policy forward he referred to discussion papers of the previous Liberal Cabinet which mirror the policy before us today.

The authors of the exposé in *This Magazine* of the multinational drug companies' involvement in this policy-making process told the story of what took place behind the curtain behind your chair, Mr. Speaker, between the then Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the then critic on health policy for the Liberal Party who was also very much involved with the contents of Bill C-22.

The agreement that was arrived at behind your chair was that the Government should proceed with this policy. They recognized that if the policy was enacted the only people in the House of Commons who would squawk, if I remember the term properly, would be the members of the NDP. On that basis those two colluded to bring this policy forward which the Liberal Party has now been opposing, at least until today.

If the circumstances described by my colleague are indeed correct, I can only describe that as shameful. The Liberal Party is showing its true colours once again. It is equally as much in the pocket of the multinational drug companies as are those it criticizes today. Members of the Liberal Party have been running around the country for the last 18 months criticizing this policy, fooling Canadian people into believing that somehow or other the Liberal Party would be their saviour in defeating this policy. They have turned round, done a flip-flop, and caved in for very questionable reasons.

In fact, the Hon. Member from the Liberal Party who spoke a few minutes ago spoke about the Government's intellectual dishonesty in proceeding with Bill C-22 when it knows it is not in the best interest of Canadians. If the story told by my colleague from Nickel Belt tonight is based on fact I am sure

you, Mr. Speaker, will be hearing from us over the next several days on whether the rights and privileges of all Members in this House have been violated by one Party entering into such an agreement with the corporations in the country which are not acting in the best interests of Canadian consumers.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Call in the Members.

• (1940)

*During the ringing of the bells:*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I have been requested by the Opposition House Leader, on behalf of the Official Opposition Whip, to defer the vote until after Question Period tomorrow.

It being 7.44 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 7.44 p.m.