

The Address—Mr. Douglas

anti-American. We must live in friendship with our great neighbour to the south, but good neighbourliness does not mean subservience. There are times when an honest, plain-speaking friend ought to warn us of our folly.

Canada's best role is not to defend United States policies in Viet Nam, as the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have done from time to time; our most effective role is to do what many influential Americans have been doing, and that is urge the United States to accept a strict adherence to the Geneva agreement, which means an eventual withdrawing by the United States of its troops from Viet Nam in order to allow the Vietnamese themselves, by free elections, to decide what form of government they will have and whether or not North Viet Nam and South Viet Nam shall be re-united.

Mr. Speaker, our world today trembles on the brink of a precipice that could plunge us into the third world war. This is not the time for syrupy diplomacy; this is the time for Canada to speak out, and to speak out firmly, for international justice and world peace.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, since there remains only—

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member for Jasper-Edson (Mr. Horner) should receive Your Honour's recognition. While we are a multi-party house, there are numbers that deserve Your Honour's attention, if you will permit me to draw it to your attention. If we are to rotate in this and succeeding debates on the basis of party strengths in the house, you will find that the parties representing the largest numbers, both on the government side and on this side of the house, will be receiving the short end of the stick in regard to recognition.

It will mean that one in five speakers will come from government supporters and one in five from opposition supporters, which on the basis of numbers in this house is entirely unfair. I suggest to Your Honour that you should, in all fairness, recognize the hon. member for Jasper-Edson, go across the chamber and recognize a supporter of the government and then come back to this side of the house and following that, down to the other end of the chamber.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Douglas.]

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I find it both sad and painful that Conservative members should be the first to repudiate the words of their leader who, but a few hours ago, spoke as the strongest defender of the traditions of this house.

Now, it has always been the tradition to recognize first the party leaders, that is, to give them the floor first during the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. I feel that this tradition, so strongly upheld this afternoon by the leader of the Conservative party, ought to be respected and that Conservative members should follow the words of their leader concerning the respect of tradition and allow party leaders to have the floor first, as it has been the custom since 1917, that is since there have been several parties in this house. Then, our democratic regime will be respected. I beg you, therefore, to recognize another party leader in the person of the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette).

[English]

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Speaker, speaking to the question, I should like to say that the government itself has set up the criteria for the recognition of what we might term parties in the house. Accordingly, with the understanding that I have, I would now move, under rule 29, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the hon. member for Jasper-Edson (Mr. Horner) be now heard.

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Starr: It is not ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Winkler), which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Alkenbrack	Grafftey
Asselin (Charlevoix)	Grills
Beaulieu	Gundlock
Bell (Carleton)	Hales
Bower	Hamilton
Brand	Horner (Acadia)
Cadieu (Meadow Lake)	Horner (Jasper-Edson)
Cantelon	Howe (Wellington-Huron)
Chatterton	Irvine
Churchill	Keays
Clancy	Kennedy
Code	Korchinski
Crouse	Lambert
Fairweather	Loney
Fane	MacDonald (Prince)
Forrestall	