

The Minister says with vigour, between periods of panic in the House, that this Bill will produce thousands of jobs for Canadians in research. He says that it will cure the difficulties for university researchers to which the Government has contributed significantly. But if we look at the Bill what do we find? Do we find anywhere at all the word "research"? Do we find anything at all in the Bill which requires that research be done? Are there incentives anywhere in the Bill for research? Not at all. What do we have? We have promises.

So we have this Bill which has nothing at all to do with research. We also have a bunch of letters offering a prayer, a hope and a promise that there will be research. What kind of research will it be? The Government says that we will be doing a lot more of the same if this legislation is passed. That means that not a tidily-wink of basic research will be done as a result of this Bill.

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We know the motivations of the drug companies. The drug companies want to stop in its tracks any possibility that other countries around the world will copy our legislation. In the United States, a Congressional committee suggested that if the American drug companies did not clean up their act they would face legislation similar to Canada's. Other nations around the world are engaged in similar considerations.

The Government is not only trying to mislead Canadians, one can suspect that it has been extorted to take this action and it has foolishly, perhaps in panic, come to believe the awful untruths which are evident.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret that the Hon. Member's time has expired.

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the New Democratic Party has been represented by several speakers in this debate on time allocation. The Hon. Member who just spoke is known to me for his interest in science and technology, research and development and things that are pretty important to the essential components of this Bill. The reason we have to limit endless discussion on the Bill is that it represents three things. It represents health care, it represents jobs and employment, particularly in research and development, and it represents freedom. Let us talk about health care.

Back in 1965 when I had the privilege of going to the University of Western Ontario Medical School and graduating from that school, I used to walk on campus and look at a small building called the Collip Building. That was the building in which Banting and Best used to work in connection with the University of Toronto. They were responsible for discovering insulin.

Just last week at the University Hospital of the University of Western Ontario a very exciting discovery was made indicating that perhaps Alzheimer's Disease is linked to herpes. Discovering that and being able to trace back the origins of

Alzheimer's disease to a herpes virus would be a pretty important discovery for Canadians in general and something of which the Canadian scientific and medical community would be very proud.

I will limit my remarks now and carry on—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member will have eight minutes left in debate when Orders of the Day are called.

[Translation]

It being 1.34 p.m., I do now leave the Chair until 2.00 p.m.

At 1.34 p.m., the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

RURAL POSTAL SERVICE CHANGES—EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the outrage of Canadians at the way the Government is allowing Canada Post to reduce its services. All Canadians pay the full price for full service. All Canadians have the right to benefit from full service.

The Government may try to deny that there has been any reduction in services, but the facts speak for themselves. Thousands of rural post offices in small communities throughout Canada will be turned over to the private sector. More than 1,700 will be amalgamated into larger ones. More than 9,000 post office jobs will be lost in rural Canada as a result of the changes. People living on rural sideroads will lose the direct delivery of mail. Instead they will have to travel upwards of 50 miles to get their mail from the not so super-duper mailboxes introduced by the Government.

Canadians have come to expect secure, daily door-to-door delivery of mail to their principal residences. Therefore I call upon the Government immediately to instruct Canada Post to improve and expand its services and to stop at once any attempts to reduce further post office services to Canadians in any way. In particular, I urge the Government to stop abandoning the people of rural Canada. It is a cold, unfair, and callous act by a Government which is not concerned about rural Canada.