

the reform in such a way that it did not provide anything on public financing.

So, how can we believe all the words of the minister, when we see that in fact he does not intend to change anything?

Mr. Lortie, the appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission, recently said, in an interview with *Le Devoir*, there would be no public financing. He even said so before completing his study.

But, no study was made on the role of bagmen within the Canadian Conservative Party, while this process has been denounced for seven years already. No study was made on the impact of public financing, on the participation of Canadian citizens in the whole process of political parties.

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And today, they want us to believe that changes will be made to the Standing Orders of the House or to the system. That will never be done. There is no will for a change. I would ask the Canadian and Quebec people to read the 1984 Throne Speech and see all these false wishes that never came true. And the present Throne Speech is a deception for the whole of Canada.

[English]

Mr. Andre: Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure why the hon. member should be upset about having a royal commission on electoral reform. The commission is doing good work, as far as I know. We have not seen the report yet, but we are looking forward to the report.

The throne speech deals not with the electoral process, but in a sense the products of that process, namely, this House of Commons and the way we behave. Some of us get elected under one banner and then change. Whether that is appropriate or not is something that perhaps we should look at. Do the people have a right to expect some integrity from those they elect, and expect them to perform according to what they say? That is perhaps one of the things we may want to look at.

Mr. Kindy: On a point of order. I think 30 minutes has expired.

The Address

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I too wanted to say a few words on the throne speech debate today, particularly about the issue of the future of Canada and national unity that is so important at this time.

There is no doubt in my mind, as we go into this crucial next one or two years of Canada's development, and as we strive to reach a national consensus, that we should make sure we devise a process of changing our Constitution that is as open, fair, accessible and democratic as possible.

The process must be democratic so that the people of this country have full access to the process, so that the people of this country are the ones who build the Constitution. Constitution-building in this country must be done by more than just elected politicians.

We must have people from all kinds of groups that are under-represented in the Parliament of Canada involved in the process.

I make a plea this afternoon about seven or eight points that should be considered as we look at the future of our country and the unity of our country, which was an important part of the throne speech read by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn in the Senate yesterday.

A committee of this House has travelled Canada, has had public hearings in 16 different communities in all the provinces and territories of Canada, and has been given a loud and clear message: the people want in, the people want to be part of the process, the people want a new process and a new way of building a Constitution.

People want a constituent assembly where you would have, yes, the elected politicians representing all parties in this House. You would also have people who are under-represented in the current electoral system. I refer specifically to women who are under-represented in this Chamber. I refer to the aboriginal people who are under-represented in this House, and certainly under-represented in terms of our national institutions and our national decision-making bodies.

I refer as well to the many minorities, the multiracial and multicultural minorities that are a growing reality in this country, and want to be part of that process. They would not be a part of that process if our next round of