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The Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis) continually stands up in this House of Commons asking what the Government is doing for small business. His confreres stand up and say "We are not going to protect your rights, we are going to nationalize small business". Where are they going to stop? It is going to be "small business-Can, farm-Can, and every other "Can" you want to put in. This is disgraceful. The Minister of Justice then stands up and says that in 1968 the Prime Minister wanted property rights. When he talks about flip-flops, he is one of the greatest flip-flop artists we have ever had. He will flip and flop whenever he has to in order to move up in the polls. He brought in property rights because he saw the 52 per cent figure.

We were wondering how we were going to get to 55 per cent. I found out today that they have 19 per cent. They will drop 3 per cent, be down to 16 per cent and we will be up to 55 per cent. The speech of the New Democratic Party Member is absolute fodder for the next election. It gives me great joy that he came out and said the only thing you can own is your home and your farm. That will give me the total vote of the small business people and all the apartment dwellers in my riding who own their own furniture. I have eliminated the NDP in my riding with the help of the NDP. I am delighted they brought in that amendment, yet I believe it is garbage, and I believe, Mr. Speaker, you agree with me on that point.

Our Party is probably the sole representative of freedom left in Canada. *Libra* is the Latin word for freedom, and Liberals were for freedom at one point, but they lost sight of it for a period of time. They are trying to recover because they have looked at the polls. We have always been in favour of individual rights, individual ownership and individual freedom.

If you go back to the Diefenbaker Bill of Rights which my colleague for Richmond South Delta (Mr. Siddon) referred to many times during his speech, that is where we expressed very clearly what we wanted. We never changed our plan. We never stated we would remove property rights from the Constitution. We were always in favour of their retention. It was hard for me to stand up and vote for the Constitution because property rights were not entrenched, and I only did so because of my constituents' request. We were taking something away from the Canadian citizens.

Other speakers have mentioned that the Hon. Member for Provencher (Mr. Epp), the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes), the Hon. Member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie) and the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) spent six months in committee bringing this forward as being very important to the people of Canada. It is not a matter for debate for another six months, six weeks or six days. This measure should be brought forward by the Minister of Justice at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. Let us put it to a vote, pass the motion and satisfy the will of the Canadian people we represent. Their voices must be heard in this House.

It is amazing how the Liberals and the NDP are now trying to negotiate how many days this should be considered in committee. This right to property was taken out to get NDP support. They knew we were not going to support it. They

know we were against it. Fortunately they may be getting a little bit of sense. It is amazing how they go up and down like a roller-coaster ride, flip-flopping. This is something of which they accuse us, but they are the greatest offenders. Their last budget, Mr. Speaker, was a classic flip-flop. They went from total socialism to extreme capitalism for multinationals, not for the little guy. They went right over. They took such a dramatic swing that they missed all of the little people in the middle. I do not think they did anything for the people that are really hurting.

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I feel sorry for the NDP because they are between a rock and a hard place. The Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) bows in deference to the Premier of his Province. What about the Members from British Columbia? How are they going to go home and knock on doors next week when they are against property rights, while the Leader of the Opposition in British Columbia is for property rights? The people of British Columbia will not understand what it is all about.

Having a Charter of Rights and Freedoms that includes property rights is a part of our heritage. The Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone) brought up the Magna Carta, but I cannot go back that far. I look only to our basic rights and our heritage.

Mr. Malone: That is where it all began.

Mr. Fennell: I appreciate that. I know where it all began, but my memory is not as long as yours. I can only remember that my father had a farm and that I ended up with a farm. That is what I look at. That is our heritage. That is our freedom.

The Hon. Member for Crowfoot gave me some ideas but he has used most of them by now. One of his points is very important. I think the principle of property rights is symbolic of the effort we put into our lives, of the effort we put into our work, of the effort we put into owning things. One of his points was about the right of assembly and what would happen if the Government owned all buildings. As an example, the Government does own all buildings in Poland. I think the NDP should look at what has happened to the Solidarity Union. That union exemplifies what happens when there are no property rights. The NDP should keep that in mind; they are great supporters of the Solidarity Union. I am very supportive of Lech Walesa and what he has had to go through in an effort to bring democracy back to his country, even though he knows it is a lost cause. What happened in the Hungarian revolution? That happened because Hungarians were not allowed the rights of their heritage. Those rights were taken away. Why are the Russians so obedient? Because if they are not, they are shipped out to Siberia to make Ladas.

My main point is that property rights go beyond owning a home. Property rights include farmland, vacation properties for people who have worked hard and saved their money to buy a vacation home, small properties owned by businesses to manufacture products in Canada so they can put labels on