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I thank my colleagues for their patience. They said that I made a very emotional speech. When will we stop being afraid to discuss the real issue: our country? To express the sentiments in our beautiful country of Canada, we should Canadianize. The Liberals should be marching to continue the great tradition. Tonight we will not continue the tradition.

That is a very dangerous attitude to take because we should be trying to encourage, and not discourage, those in this country who are proud of having many types of symbols.

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People ask me why we waste our time on these trivialities. Honourable senators, they are not trivialities; they are symbols, and symbols emulate people.

Honourable senators, it appears that I will not win this debate. Therefore, I will let the bill pass on division.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** It was moved by the Honourable Senator Graham, seconded by the Honourable Senator Neiman, that this bill be read the third time now.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Prud'homme:** On division.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed, on division.

### CRIMINAL CODE YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

**Hon. B. Alasdair Graham** moved the third reading of Bill C-104, to amend the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act (forensic DNA analysis).

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA BILL

THIRD READING

**Hon. Peter Bosa** moved the third reading of Bill C-91, to continue the Federal Business Development Bank under the name Business Development Bank of Canada.

**Hon. John Sylvain:** Honourable senators, I rise this evening to make a few remarks in relation to Bill C-91 because I tabled the report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce on this bill.

I want to begin by saying that I fully endorse and associate myself with the report the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce presented to the Senate on Bill C-91.

The first paragraph of this report summarizes how we felt as a committee about the process followed in relation to Bill C-91. I quote:

The committee wishes to put on the record, in the strongest terms, its frustration with the lack of legislative planning between the House of Commons and the Senate. This problem has existed for years, under both Progressive Conservative and Liberal governments. Both have exhibited a complete disregard for the legislative role of the Senate.

Both the content and the process used to put Bill C-91 before the Banking Committee demonstrates a real need to look carefully at our legislative system, and particularly the relationship between the House of Commons and the Senate.

Honourable senators, this bill raises the amount that can be lent to businesses by the FBDB — now the Business Development Bank of Canada — to the point where I, and some other senators, believe that this bank will become a rival to the existing chartered banks. This seems to fly in the face of the present government's move to privatize CN, our airports and Petro-Canada.

Honourable senators, this bill reached the Banking Committee as we were studying the federal government's involvement in the banking industry. We were told, "Pass this bill because the bank will run out of money if you do not!" We were also told, "You cannot amend this bill because the House is adjourned." That is what led the committee to write the report which accompanies the bill.

It was at the end of November 1993 when Senator Oliver called together the Progressive Conservative Senate caucus to talk about and make recommendations for Senate renewal. One of the main recommendations arising out of that meeting was the establishment of a Senate-House liaison committee charged with the responsibility for the orderly progress of legislation through the Senate. Why have we not established this committee?