

Time Allocation

People so afflicted are known to suffer from dramatic emotional outbursts in the House, temper tantrums, hypersensitivity and often frank paranoia.

Mr. Cassidy: Are you describing the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney)?

Mr. Gurbin: What we have seen is a classic example of this syndrome expressed by the opposition Parties as they are trying to delay the introduction of this Bill into committee, so that all Canadians may have a chance to examine the details of this Bill and see the benefits that may come to Canada from it.

Mr. Cassidy: You are as wrong about the indexing of pensions as you are about this.

Mr. Gurbin: In addition, I might say that the Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon), who spoke prior to me, is probably the best example we have in this House. While he is supposed to be the critic for science and technology in the NDP Party, he is at the same time trying to block the introduction of this Bill which would see the dramatic evolution of research and development in new drugs in Canada. So he cannot have it both ways. He is either supportive of this research and development activity, or he is trying to block it. It is very clear that in this case he has been trying to block it.

The other important thing that came from just a very cursory perusal of the November issue of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* was the number of drugs that are now being brought forward to treat and to manage diseases that are effecting many Canadians, and people around the world.

One that is very important is for herpes. For a long time, members of the House have been aware of people who have had a variety of repetitive conditions, whether it is the herpes simplex lesions that will touch their face, or the genital lesions which may touch them somewhere else, or whether it is some of the other important variants of herpes which we need not go into, for example, the congenital herpes that can affect babies. Very interesting is the information that may associate herpes with Alzheimer's disease. This is information which has come out of medical research in London, Ontario. Zovirax is a drug which is developed and produced by Burroughs Wellcome; a new drug for the treatment of a condition for which we presently do not have treatment.

The reason for this Bill, why we are trying to get it forward, and why we think that we cannot debate it indefinitely in the House, is so that Canadians can become involved in that type of research and help develop that type of drug. It is the NDP Party, and the Liberal Party that are trying to block that and do not want Canadians to be directly involved, but only want them to be the purchasers of this technology, not the developers of it. They should be embarrassed.

Mr. Cassidy: People shouldn't pay a ransom for new drugs.

Mr. Gurbin: They should go back to their constituents and tell them why they think Canadians should not be participating in this research, and why Canadians should not derive benefits from this type of research. Mr. Speaker, I do not think they can justify that.

Another drug mentioned in here, Mr. Speaker, is one that has been developed by Upjohn.

Mr. Cassidy: You are pleading special interests, that is what you are doing. You are pleading for the drug companies. You are pleading for the physicians' lobbies. How about pleading for the people for a change?

Mr. Gurbin: Yes, you are right. As a physician, I would argue very strongly through you, Mr. Speaker, with the Member who is again expressing the syndrome of dementia in the House with his emotional outbursts and blockage of legislation that would benefit Canadians.

As well as the Upjohn drug, there are many more in here that are important. Some of them are for respiratory diseases in babies. One of them introduced by Upjohn would possibly interest the Member who is sitting in front of the Hon. Member; it treats baldness. All these drugs are drugs that cost tens of millions of dollars to develop. Since insulin was developed in Canada decades ago Canadians have not been able to directly become involved in this research. Let us deal with a few facts instead of the hyperbole and rhetoric that continually comes out of the NDP Party, just like frothing at the mouth.

Mr. Cassidy: You are sensitive, aren't you?

Mr. Riis: What have you, 31 per cent or 32 per cent?

Mr. Cassidy: Are you suffering from some congenital condition?

Mr. Gurbin: The facts are that in the last 16 weeks we now have almost \$700 million in new research and capital projects.

Mr. Riis: Why are you guys afraid to take this to the country?

Mr. Gurbin: Those are solid dollars in research investments by companies in Canada because of the introduction of this Bill.

Mr. Riis: Jackboot democracy is what this is; tyranny, dictatorship.

Mr. Gurbin: We have a guarantee of \$1.4 billion that will go into research in this country, and medical research and development of drugs. That will translate into at least 3,000 research and development jobs, jobs that young Canadians presently have to go out of the country in order to access. I have a son attending a science course at the University of British Columbia. If he wished to get into medical research in any meaningful way he would have to go out of the country. The NDP would have our young people, who are well trained