

civil servants. I was in the Federal Republic of Germany last week, and I heard about them even there. They were talking about conflicts of interest, and saying that people from the SIU had supplied the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) with \$500, that Progressive Conservative members and even New Democratic members had also received some moneys, and fortunately, Mr. Speaker, none of them could say that the Social Credit Party of Canada had also received moneys because none of them made any contribution. We were too small and they turn to big parties. I am talking about the SIU.

Let us have a look at what is going on in the province of Quebec. People from the QFL supplied some federal ministers, provincial ministers and federal members of Parliament from Montreal with certain amounts of money. They supplied them not only with moneys but also with bullies to win the elections and they are the very people from the QFL in Montreal who yell their heads off that they are going to break up the system. And yet they help financially sustain the system. I find this a terrible situation. And to think that my good friends from the New Democratic Party are very much against those conflicts when they get a percentage of contributions from all international unions which collect them from their members within Canada. Even my good friends from the Social Credit in Montreal are members of a union out of fear and are obliged to pay a certain percentage of their contributions to the New Democratic Party. They do not brag about it in this House. But that is true. Facts will be facts. Mr. Speaker, there are certainly some conflicts involved. There are not only conflicts of interest in respect of individuals, but there are conflicts of interest for groups. When I think about the QFL in Montreal, I always see the face of fat Laberge. He is the guy who wants to break the system. He did break it in James Bay. We see this in the Cliche investigation commission. This gives us obvious proof that bosses, the government and the union leaders unite to crush the worker. If the worker objects, he is told his legs will be broken by a goon squad led by Dédé Desjardins or someone else. Mr. Speaker, this situation has existed for many years. In the early 1960s, Mr. Hal Banks was put in prison. He was released on a bail of \$25,000. When the time came for him to report back, he escaped to the United States. We were told: We do not have any right to extradite him. I am convinced that Liberal ministers had a part in allowing Banks to escape to the United States so that he would not be caught afterwards.

The ministers then told us: It is impossible to find him. A Toronto reporter went to New York and sat on the deck of a boat in the harbour with Hal Banks. He spent the afternoon with him smoking a cigar and drinking scotch or whiskey. Mr. Speaker, Hal Banks is still over there and has never been brought back to Canada.

For many years, incidents of this kind have been numerous. This is why I ask myself what will the green paper change? Standing Order 11 of our rules states that No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest, and the vote of any member so interested will be disallowed.

In my opinion, not many members would vote if we made a careful scrutiny of the interests of all members of

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Parliament because every one of them tries to find some benefits outside the House.

I am a businessman and I do not have the right to sell a car to the government. But if I wanted to do so, what would stop me for instance from saying to another Chrysler dealer: You should submit a tender to the government, and if you get it, you can pay me back for the favour I did you.

Mr. Speaker, this example concerns the automotive industry, but the same thing now happens for building companies. That is fairly current practice in many fields. Union leaders do so freely, but not their members. The latter know absolutely nothing about the practice, but their top leaders, those who carry a lot of weight, some governments organizers and political party organizers do so. I am happy to know—though the newspapers forgot to mention it—that our party had nothing to do with contributions from the SIU or any other seafarers' union, the QFL or the CNTU. We are not mixed up with them. The journalists forgot to mention that. The three main parties are mentioned. The NDP have four more members than we have, but they are more important than we are. That only exists in the heads of the journalists.

Speaking of them, they know something about conflicts of interest. I have seen an hon. member make the most insignificant speech ever in this House. I would never have mentioned it in a newspaper. But, on leaving the House, if someone slips a \$20 bill in some reporter's pocket and asks him to publish it, the next day we see the member's picture on the front page and speech is published. That is conflict of interest again. But the reporters do not brag about that.

I know we are often forgotten. There is no time to talk about us. The same goes for the CBC. People spend their time giving tips right and left to get coverage. As for me, they will "uncover" me before I act that way. But this is something I have seen first hand.

Mr. Speaker, what will the green paper prevent?

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The leader of the NDP recommended earlier that ministers who had left their ministerial or government office be followed or not be authorized to continue to work in the same line. Mr. Speaker, that is a hoax. I think this is discussing to say absolutely nothing. If a minister who is a company director is forced to resign arrangements are made so that he may still remain a director.

Even if three dozen green papers were introduced what would it change? The same thing would happen again. The human being will always remain a human being. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) was quite clear earlier on that. We will not stop the human being from being human because he is a minister, a party leader or the hon. member for Timiskaming. Honesty is a matter of education. To be elected to this House a man must first be honest with his voters and, if he is, he will not join with other organizations to crush his constituents and take advantage of the situation.

Mr. Speaker, before being appointed a minister, a man, whether it be Jean-Luc Pépin or a deputy minister, who receives a salary of \$35,000, \$40,000 or \$45,000 a year and