

**Mr. Gauthier:** What is a surfer?

**Mr. Boudria:** A surfer is one of those Conservative Members who came in with the tide. They will go out with the tide in the same way. We refer to those members as surfers.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Boudria:** I think I struck a nerve, Mr. Speaker.

The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) said in the House today that the Liberals were criticizing the Government for cutting off debate. On the other hand they were permitting today's debate. I am relatively new to this House, but I would have thought the Minister should have known there is a difference between debating legislation and Opposition motions.

**An Hon. Member:** Substance.

**Mr. Boudria:** I am sure there would be unanimous consent to withdraw the motion we put forward immediately if the Government would agree to debate the amendment my colleague, the Member from Winnipeg-Fort Garry, has brought forward.

The Minister has also accused the Opposition of being negative. I believe he said: "We are a Party of obstruction". I find it passing strange that a Party which let the bells ring for two weeks in the previous Parliament is now accusing someone else of being obstructionist. We have no moral lessons to take from Tories in so far as the whole issue of respect for Parliament. Those people across the way, and I am sure, Mr. Speaker, you will know this, being the objective non-partisan person you are, are the ones who failed to respect Parliament in the last session. They have the same contempt today in their attitude, demonstrated by cutting off debate on this very important initiative.

I see the Minister of State for Small Business (Mr. Bissonnette) sitting across the way. If he were the Minister he would permit more debate. I know a frank and honest minister such as he, who is concerned about people, if he were permitted by his superiors in Cabinet, he would like to bring assistance to small business and to protect small business from foreign takeovers. It is quite obvious that Minister has that interest. He is here today listening. We know deep inside—

**Mr. Bissonnette:** Do not speak for me. Speak for yourself. I can speak for myself.

**Mr. Boudria:**—even if he cannot do it publicly, the Minister for Small Business is on our side on this issue. We are glad to have his support. I am sure all my colleagues in the Liberal Party are glad to have the Minister's support. It is unfortunate that he has to sit on his hands and cannot manifest that support publicly. We are, however, still grateful, Mr. Speaker.

The Government is abandoning the high tech industry. When research and development tax credits were introduced the first beneficiary of those measures was Mitel. Who cut off those grants? None other than the Minister of Finance (Mr.

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Wilson) on black Thursday, November 8, when the Minister slashed all kinds of useful Government programs. The Government slashed the very useful and worthwhile program helping Mitel and others.

**Mr. Bissonnette:** Look at what the President said in the newspaper yesterday.

**Mr. Boudria:** The Liberal Party when it was in Government worked very closely with the high tech industry in establishing those vital programs to protect Canadian industry and small business about which I know the Minister across the way is supportive. What happened? The Tories took over. The Tories started dismantling the good initiatives of the Liberals, and they are destroying them.

The Minister of Regional and Industrial Expansion a little earlier this morning said that the Liberals wanted to turn back the clock. His argument is that the Government is cutting off debate on the Liberal amendments because we are trying to turn back the clock. Who is destroying FIRA and taking us back 50 years? It is the Minister himself who is now accusing Liberals of wanting to turn back the clock. The Minister cannot have it both ways and he cannot speak out of both sides of his mouth simultaneously, although he is trying very hard.

Even the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion this morning in his speech said that in his review of several FIRA applications he had determined that sometimes FIRA had taken a long time to bargain for Canadians. We should be proud a Government agency was bargaining and being a tough negotiator for the benefit of Canada, a position which the Minister said that Fira had taken. He wants to destroy that. The Minister wants to take us back 50 years. That is enough to make the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid) revolt, and enough to make the rest of the voters in Brampton who voted Liberal provincially vote Liberal federally next time around. The Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown who is obviously very concerned about such matters will in caucus next week tell his Leader and the others to withdraw that legislation immediately.

**Mr. McDermid:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member is completely misleading the House. I support my Minister and my Government 100 per cent on this Bill.

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to bring to your attention that it is not customary for Members to accuse others of misleading the House. I am sure you will want to ask my colleague to withdraw that statement.

**Mr. Andre:** It is also not customary to impute motives.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The Hon. Member did not say it intentionally. The Hon. Member for Glengarry-Pre-scott-Russell has the floor. I would appreciate it if he would carry on with his debate.

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Speaker, the next time I accuse a Member of misleading this House I will preface by saying I am not doing it intentionally. Perhaps that will give us this