

that is not quite as popular in Quebec, representing associations that are opposed to the Bill, but the vast majority of Quebecers object to the fact that the Senate is obstructing the Bill. That is the difference.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) said that the NDP does not understand Quebec, that the NDP does not understand that Quebec is a distinct society. Well, I want to point out that it was the three Liberal Members who had proposed that the words “Quebec as a distinct society” be deleted from the motion on the Meech Lake Accord, and ten others voted against the Meech Lake motion.

Some Hon. Members: Yes, against!

● (1920)

[English]

I want to ask him this question and I want an honest answer. A little bird has whispered in my ear and told me that there will be only two Liberal speakers on Bill C-22 tonight. He is the second one.

I have also been told by a little bird who whispered in my ear that when this motion goes back to the Senate it will not be opposed anymore.

An Hon. Member: Good news!

Mr. Rodriguez: I want him to confirm or deny what a little bird has whispered in my ear, that there was a high summit meeting of two executives of multinational drug companies, Premier Bourassa, two Liberals from his caucus, a prominent Liberal from the other place, and they have cooked up this deal. That in fact great considerations were made—

Mr. McCurdy: What does that mean?

Mr. Rodriguez: It means that monetary contributions were made to the Liberal Party for them to pack up their bags on opposing this Bill. I want him to confirm or deny that.

[Translation]

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt, whom I almost called a clown a moment ago because he did not know Tit-Zoune senior in Quebec—but Tit Zoune was good. In answer to the clown from Nickel Belt, the bird that talked to him must have been a liar, a doom and gloom bird. Either the bird is no good or the Hon. Member is hard of hearing. First of all, he said there was only two Liberal Members that have risen.

Some Hon. Members: Tonight.

Mr. Malépart: I am the third one. Either he cannot count—so there you are, that was his first mistake.

Then he asks: What is the Senate? I am telling you—tonight.

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Mr. McCurdy: Tonight.

Mr. Malépart: Yes indeed, I am the third one. Mr. Speaker, they cannot count. Mr. Speaker, I am the third Member today to rise on this bill.

As far as the Senate is concerned, I have been honest, I have stated my own position and I dare hope that the Senate, contrary to the hypocrisy shown by the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), will respect the wish expressed by the House of Commons.

Thirdly, in answer to the point raised about those Summit meetings, I am not part of these Summit meetings—

Mr. McCurdy: The Hon. Member has been sold cheap.

Mr. Malépart: Turning now to the money question, Mr. Speaker. When an Hon. Member lacks courage, as the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt has just shown, and attacks a former opponent who is not here to defend herself, when an Hon. Member demonstrates such cowardice and then, when he feels trapped, tries to imagine that the Liberal Party has adopted this position because that would help us get money, that shows how desperate the Hon. Members opposite are. They don't know what to say or what to do anymore. That is sad. I now understand why the Hon. Member for Terrebonne (Mr. Toupin) could not tough it out 11 months as a Member of the New Democratic Party. After ten months only, the Hon. Member for Terrebonne has said: The distinct society in Quebec is not recognized inside the NDP. This is sheer hypocrisy. So let them say clearly that they are against Bill 101 in Quebec.

I will conclude on this, Mr. Speaker. We have seen the style shown by the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt. That is sad but I dare hope that other Hon. Members in this House will think more about consumers when considering this Bill.

● (1930)

[English]

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, the revelation just disclosed by the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) is quite shocking indeed. However, it is not surprising because the same type of thing happened prior to June of last year and was well documented in the magazine *This Magazine*. There was a complete story in *This Magazine* about the history of Bill C-22 and the development of policy for it.

As I recall, that article outlined how the pharmaceutical industry, particularly the multinational organizations, had launched intensive lobbies over the years, primarily with Ministers in Liberal Governments. That pressure caused the previous Liberal Government, the members of which are now at least making token protestations to Bill C-22, to formulate a policy that actually mirrored what the present Government intends to do. All indications from the past tell us that the