

*Time Allocation*

In 1984, the people decided. The Canadian people elected the Mulroney PC Party and they elected them for a five-year term. That Government is legitimate and is entitled to be in place, to govern this country, to bring forward this policy and to have it enacted with its majority of the House of Commons, as a result of the election of 1984. At some point in that five years the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) decides when there should be another election, if he has a majority, and he has a majority today.

The Liberal Party is not satisfied. They think that they are destined to govern Canada forever. If they are not elected by the people of Canada, as they were not in 1984, then they think they will govern Canada through their majority of appointees in the Senate. It was people like Senator Kirby, Senator Kenny and Senator Fairbairn, all from former Prime Minister Trudeau's staff, people who are going to be in the Senate for the next 30 years. Do the people of Canada want these Senators deciding what government policy is to be until the year 2018? Senator Kirby will be there until the year 2018. There would be a Liberal majority in the Senate, if they all lived to be 75, until the year 2008.

Are we to be governed by the Liberal Party no matter who the people of Canada elect to form a majority in this House? That is going to be a crucial question in the election. The Leader of the Official Opposition said: "Let the people decide". Well, he should decide by beginning to tell the people the truth. When is he going to start telling the people of Canada the truth?

We are going to see that he starts telling the people of Canada the truth. He had to be corrected by Premier Bourassa the other day. Premier Bourassa said that Turner was wrong on trade. He made a stupid statement about the stock savings plan in Quebec. Premier Bourassa said: "I do not want to intervene in the federal election, but if I have to be personally involved, especially to re-establish the facts, I will do it". I will venture to guess that Premier Bourassa is going to be very busy in Quebec establishing the facts, when the Liberal Party and the NDP Party go to Quebec with their distortions, their inaccuracies and their rumours, as they will be doing during the election campaign. He is going to have his hands full if he wants to keep the federal Liberals truthful. They are finding it very difficult to do that on their own.

Last October, almost as soon as the FTA was made public, the Opposition announced that they would tear up the deal. The official Liberal Party. The line was: "Tear up the deal". Never in Canadian history has there been such a silly and juvenile position adopted by the Official Opposition. Since then they have constantly complained that they have not had time to study and debate it. Why do they need to study and debate it when last October they said that they would tear it up? Why are they studying and debating this Bill when they say that when they get into office they are going to tear it up, even though they only have to give a six month notice to terminate the agreement anyway? It is hypocrisy, pure and

simple, for members of the Liberal Opposition to say that they want to further study and debate this Bill. They made their decision months ago when they said they would tear it up.

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When we sought to table Bill C-130 this spring, the Opposition, and mainly the New Democratic Party, blocked the tabling of it for three weeks with a series of procedural points, all ruled out of order by the Speaker. Why did they do that? Simply to obstruct. They do not want to study and debate the Bill, they want to obstruct the Bill. They want to kill the Bill. They want to guillotine the Bill. They do not want to discuss and debate the Bill.

While protesting that we are supposed to be seeking to ram the legislation through Parliament, opposition Members tied the House up with measures like recorded votes on first reading of a Bill to proclaim hockey as Canada's national sport. Why are members of the NDP doing that? They did it this week as well. It is simply to obstruct.

Even though both opposition Parties are committed to tearing up the deal—the Liberals want to tear it up, the NDP want to tear it down—they have moved over 100 amendments to the implementing legislation. Why would they move 100 amendments to legislation they say they will tear up? It is simply to obstruct, naturally.

When we sought to establish a reasonable time frame in which to conclude the debate on Bill C-130, what did members of the Opposition propose when we asked them how many days they thought would be reasonable? They proposed 350 sitting days, almost two years of House time. They suggested that we should debate this for two years. Why? Simply to obstruct.

Now, when we propose to conclude consideration of this legislation, those who have done nothing but obstruct say that they want more time for study and debate. They do not want any time for study and debate, their minds are closed. The poisonous vapours of their machinations and distortions are radiating across Canada. They do not want to study and debate the Bill. They are not interested in the Bill. They want to tear it up. They want to get into power and they want us out of power. It is just as simple as that.

Opposition Members do not believe that the people should ever decide to have a Progressive Conservative Government. That is why they are calling on the Senate to do their dirty work for them, to try to stop passage of this Bill. In this debate, members of the Opposition have shown nothing but hypocrisy, deception and deceit from start to finish.

What of the debate itself? Have opposition Members proposed to deal seriously with the free trade agreement? Who has heard a serious opposition speech on tariffs, procurement, financial services, the rules of origin, border measures, agriculture, investment, energy, services, temporary entry for business persons or binding dispute settlement? Has there been one sensible paragraph uttered by a Member opposite on any