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given an opportunity to prove them. He took advantage of exceptional circumstances to camouflage the affair. But we were not convinced by that. I, for one, was never convinced; I do not say he was wrong, but I know he avoided any clarification of that matter.

Those were serious charges, charges of having made untrue statements twice, under oath. The hon. member for Yukon, as I say, did not want light to be thrown on that matter.

Now, they are the ones who make accusations, who smear reputations, but when they are involved, they do not want any part of it. The hon. member of Yukon knows that I speak the truth. When he was offered to have the matter referred to the committee on privileges and elections, he objected. He cannot deny that and he does not deny it. Besides, it is in *Hansard*; I do not know the date when this took place, but it is in *Hansard*.

What does this prove? Since mention is made of what detracts from parliament's reputation, I take the opportunity to point out this fact, after due consideration. In my opinion, the accusations made still remain. Indirect means were used to conceal those accusations, but they still stand. As long as the member for Yukon will not take it upon himself to refer the matter to the committee on privileges and elections, I shall have my doubts.

Mr. Speaker, if the member for Yukon wants to protest against this, he is free to do so. But he knows I am right and that he refused to deny the accusations made against him. He has nothing to answer to this.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a subamendment to the amendment of the member for Royal (Mr. Fairweather), before my time is up.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out and replaced by the following words: the actual operation "smear" which has been taking place for too long, should cease immediately and that parliament should proceed to a sound and honest legislation for the well-being of the Canadian people.

Mr. Valade: Does the hon. member allow me a question?

Mr. Grégoire: I shall conclude my remarks before answering the question of the hon. member.

[Mr. Grégoire.]

We tried to draft that amendment in such a way that no one can accuse us of indulging in petty politics or taking a roundabout course.

We would simply like the house to express its wishes clearly today, because we are all tired of those endless discussions always bent on destroying reputations.

We would like to see an end to that and see the government concern itself from now on with legislating for the good of the people. Enough of personalities, let us concern ourselves with the people; they are waiting for us to legislate in their interest. I think that all parties in the house should agree on that. Let us bury the hatchet and work from now on for the good of the people.

It seems to me that, from all sides of the house, members should vote unanimously for that subamendment to put a stop to those slander campaigns and prevent us from losing more time as we have been doing for too long; from now on, let us legislate in the interest of the people.

The hatchet should be buried to allow us to work for the welfare of the people. It is time for the house to assume its responsibilities. A great number of bills are waiting to be considered and passed. The people are looking towards parliament and waiting for us to legislate for them.

We take money out of their pockets as taxes but there is never any time to discuss their problems.

Time is spent discussing all kinds of other things. That is what happened, as I said this afternoon, when the estimates were considered. Right now a supply motion is before us and what are we talking about? Scandals again.

It would be time to proceed with legislation. That is what the Ralliement Cr ditiste recommends.

I am convinced that a good number of people in this house will support us. Let us put a stop at last to those endless and useless fights and let us get to work and legislate to improve the lot of our fellow-citizens.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member allow me a question which I have long wanted to ask him?

Mr. Gr goire: Certainly, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Valade: Before the six o'clock recess the hon. member for Lapointe said that the Tories and the Grits were smearing each other over the Munsinger affair. Will the hon.