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● (8:40 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

Mr. Nicholson: I was paired, Mr. Speaker. Had I voted, I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted, I would have voted against the motion.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, before we voted on the motion to adjourn, I was trying to make one or two points. I should like to repeat them in simple form. The first is that we have had a statement by the Minister of Justice that, by its very nature, puts all of us on the front bench of the Conservative party in a situation where we are guilty by association. This is pure, undiluted, plain and simple McCarthyism.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hamilton: The technique of McCarthy was to call for an investigation before his committee and name a whole series of suspects. Until those persons had given their evidence, until the report was received, they were guilty in the minds of many people. This government and the Prime Minister, by condoning the action of the Minister of Justice have laid themselves open to the charge of McCarthyism by every freedom loving person across Canada.

The second point I want to make on this question of privilege is that the minister, by his own confession, has stated that he obtained this information when he was in another department. He has only been in three departments. He was Associate Minister of National Defence, he was Minister of Public Works and now he is Minister of Justice.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Hamilton: If he found out anything that in his opinion was close to treason when he was Associate Minister of National Defence, why did he not speak up then? If he had this information for all those months that he was Minister of Public Works and sat along with these others in the cabinet, why did he not speak up then? He has been Minister of Justice now for several months and he has not spoken. Instead he waited

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until the man he wanted to attack was out of his place in this house and out of the city.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Hamilton: The Minister of Justice is like a sick animal in the forest.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please; I would ask the hon. member to keep in mind the proprieties of this house and to consider the expressions that he uses. There are some expressions that are not accepted as good, parliamentary expressions. I urge the hon. member to keep this in mind.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Hamilton: Mr. Speaker, there is an expression to the effect that when the bulls come into the pasture, the calves and the cows go to the corner. If the Minister of Justice takes offence at any of my remarks, he knows his recourse. This man, it is evident to all of us, feels hurt that he has been attacked in this house.

An hon. Member: Persecuted.

Mr. Hamilton: He feels hurt because things that have been said to him have hurt his sensitivities, and the only thing he can think of is to bite back.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hamilton: He forgets, in the rough and tumble of this house, who the man is who started this.

Some hon. Members: Nielsen.

Mr. Hamilton: The Minister of Justice sat on this side of the house and without provocation made certain statements. Now, when he is in the government and is paying the penalty for his rashness, he cannot stand up like a man and take it; he must bite back like a forest animal that has rabies.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hamilton: But if an animal in the forest has rabies—

Mr. Nielsen: You put him out of his misery.

Mr. Hamilton: —and bites everything in sight, that animal, if it comes close to human habitation, is put out of his misery. The man who can put the Minister of Justice out of his misery is the Prime Minister. Just because the sensitivities of one small man in this house—