

*Canagrex*

**Mr. Huntington:** I want the House of Commons to start doing its job, to show some responsibility by pulling some control back into the House of Commons. Backbenchers must start serving the people, not these bureaucrats and appointees and these ideologues who control these corporations. The situation has become so dangerous that we are losing our freedom to choose. It is time some of us got angry and did something about it. I would like to hear free speeches from Government backbenchers in order to get the matter under control.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order, please! The Hon. Member for Laval (Mr. Roy), on a point of order.

**Mr. Roy:** Mr. Speaker, I am being accused of saying things I never said. When I talked about the question of powers, I meant that in that case, most members of the board are taken from the private sector, and it is not a matter of having all the powers of a Crown corporation, because I have a great many reservations as to the activities of a number of Crown corporations, and I would refer the Hon. Member to a speech I made previously—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order, please! This is obviously a contribution to the debate and certainly not a point of order.

[*English*]

**Mr. Huntington:** Mr. Speaker, as that was not a point of order, could you please add two minutes to the time allotted to me? The Hon. Member was only trying to break my train of thought and disrupt a message that I have for the people of the country.

You heard from other speakers today, Mr. Speaker, including the Hon. Member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers), that there are 32 powerful organizations and associations in the food industry and the agricultural industry in western Canada that are dead against this Bill. Provincial Premiers are against this Bill as well. One provincial Minister of Agriculture calls this Bill a piranha in a goldfish bowl. I have spoken to the Agriculture Minister of British Columbia and he is against this Bill. Yet the Government continues to ram it through under closure even when it creates this kind of alienation, temper and concern in the country. It is dangerous to try to force this Bill through in the final hours of this session.

I want to remind you, Mr. Speaker, that the Government under this Prime Minister has three basic priorities. The first priority is the control of culture and communications. Look at what has happened in this session with the Kent Commission and the Applebaum-Hébert Report under Jacques Hébert. Look at Pierre Juneau who, along with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), was one of the drafters of this strategy back in 1964. Where is he now? He is the head of the CBC and is now rewriting the Broadcasting Act. Culture and communications are very important to the Government. We will be controlled by a great cultural wave.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Dionne (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Dionne), on a point of order.

**Mr. Dionne (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, I was listening to my hon. colleague speaking to Bill C-85, and I must say he completely by-passed the subject, as usual. I would therefore ask the Chair to ask the Hon. Member to speak to Bill C-85.

[*English*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Order. The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Dionne) has invoked the rule of relevancy. As usual, the Chair has been listening intently to the speech now being made and the Chair finds itself in some difficulty. In a sense, the remarks made by the Hon. Member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) are related in a general way to the subject matter now before the House. Of course, in case of doubt the Chair must exercise lenience in favour of the Member who is speaking. Nevertheless, all Hon. Members should be guided by the general rule of relevancy and should try to stick with it as much as possible.

**Mr. Huntington:** Mr. Speaker, I trust that you will add another three minutes to my allotted time, and I thank you for your courtesy and your consideration.

The second fundamental priority of the Government is control of energy through the central Government. It is removing control of resources from the Provinces.

Let me now deal with the third priority. Just go back and look at the Government's legislative timetable. The third priority of the Government is state control over the food chain. That is what Canagrex is all about. Canagrex is nothing but another national energy policy, but this time it is designed to control food. The Minister of Agriculture can shout across the House and say: "Those words are in the Bill but we will not use them; I said in committee that we would not use them". If he does not require the powers contained in the Bill, all he need do is remove the buy-sell powers, listen to the amendments suggested by the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger) instead of turning a deaf ear to them, and he can have the Bill. In committee we told him repeatedly that all he has to do is remove the buy-sell powers and he can have the Bill. I doubt, Mr. Speaker, that what the Government is doing is something that even the Hon. Minister of Agriculture understands. He is under instructions from his chief, the Prime Minister. He does not even know what he is really doing. He senses the presence of power that can be given to friends who will be put in charge of this corporation.

What about those who run food businesses and are of a different political ideology? Will those people ever have a chance if they are not in the political favour of the Party in power that controls an organization like Canagrex? No, the freedom of choice is disappearing with this kind of legislation. Canagrex, Mr. Speaker, is empowered to purchase agricultural