

the courage to say: Let the process operate. This is only the second time around. Have we given it a fair chance, a fair break?

The types of changes that have to be made are minor and can be accommodated in much less than 12 months. I thank the parliamentary secretary for fully explaining to me the government's intention to make major changes. I can assure him that so long as I am in the House they will not make major changes easily, and there are others in the House who feel like me.

In closing, may I raise one last problem which may not be obvious to the people of Canada or to some members in the House. I refer to the problem of representing a riding in the city. In the brief time that I have been an elected member in the House I have been concerned about the question of access to the people, and access by the people to the member in the city. I witnessed the situation of some of the members representing ridings with many small towns who have access to local newspapers, access to radio stations at little or no cost, and access on an almost regular basis to television stations. Then I consult with some of my city colleagues and consider my own experience, and I ask myself: What sort of access to the people do we have? Sure, I can walk from one side of my riding to the other in five minutes and I can run from one end to the other in 15 minutes, but I do not have access to the major Toronto newspapers, to the radio stations that are listened to, or to the television stations.

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In many respects it is a real difficulty for the people living in the city to even know who their member is. I think this is a problem that is sometimes overlooked. I do not denigrate the rural members who take advantage of the features of accessibility that are open to them. That is part of their job and I am glad they do that. But accessibility is a major problem in the city, and this fact goes at least part way to meeting the point expressed by rural members that their problem of accessibility is exacerbated by geography. I want them to know that we have problems too.

I think the 1964 bill would provide the compromise that we as members need. I am disappointed that some of my colleagues and some hon. members on the opposite side of the House are willing to give up and say that we have to start afresh. I do not agree with the parliamentary secretary that the 1964 bill was just the first step forward, a tiny step leading to something greater. I am sure that members of the House at that time were proud of their achievement, and I think that we too should be proud.

**Mr. McCain:** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the hand of the clock shows that it is six o'clock. May I call it six o'clock?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.