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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) has the floor.

Mr. Harquail: Where do the Premiers stand on this?

Mr. Clark: I am being asked a few questions. First, I am being asked about Premiers by a Liberal. It is natural that a Liberal should ask about the Premiers because they do not know any; they do not have any.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: They do not have any because there is not a provincial politician in the land strong enough to carry the weight and the burden of the reputation of this Government to the polls.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: Ask Allan Blakeney about that; ask Mr. Doug Young about that. Pose that question to those individuals.

Let me come back to the Member for Willowdale and ask him where his principles are. I ask him whether he would prefer to be picking the pockets of pensioners or to have parliamentary control over Crown agencies which are now wasting literally billions of dollars. Will he vote for his principles and support this motion, or will he sink back into that flock of sheep which has been sitting over there and leading the country into such difficulty for so long? The Member from Scarborough—

An Hon. Member: It was the Hon. Member for Mississauga North (Mr. Fisher).

Mr. Clark: I am sorry; he was not the Member who was displaced by Maurice Strong, but if he is interested in discussing questions of democracy, perhaps he can consider what happened to the Canadians of Greek origin who sought nomination in the Liberal Party and were "strong-armed" aside, if I may coin a phrase.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mazankowski: What about Gauthier?

Mr. Clark: Indeed, if he finds the heat is too great in the House, let him go and sit on the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates. His colleague, the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier), had the courage to stand up last night on behalf of the people who sent him here and, in response to that courage, was thrown out of his right as a Member of Parliament to serve as the chairman of a standing committee of the House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Epp: More, more!

Mr. Rossi: What did you do with Yurko?

Mr. Harquail: What about Thomson and Gamble?

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Mr. Rossi: Where is John Crosbie?

Mr. Clark: He is running to be Chief of Police for Montreal, Carlo, my boy.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rossi: What did you promise Mulroney?

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[*Translation*]

Mr. Rossi: What did you tell Mulroney?

Mr. Clark: I told Mr. Mulroney that he was free to run against the Member for the time being, Mr. Rossi, and that he was sure to win. That is what I said.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, order. I would ask the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) to observe the customs of the House of Commons. Members are not mentioned by name but by riding or by their function here in the House.

Mr. Clark: I apologize, Mr. Speaker, you are absolutely right. However, the Hon. Member who spoke from his seat has acquired such a formidable reputation in the House that his name is quite unknown in Quebec, so that before he leaves after the next election, I want to give him a chance to make himself known to the public. I think he referred to the rights of Quebecers, and perhaps we could discuss some issues that relate to Bill S-31, a piece of legislation that has aroused Quebecers against his Government, but I suppose he will not open his mouth and will meekly toe the party line—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With due respect, once again, I would ask the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition to speak to the motion.

Mr. Clark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. However, the only Quebecers who are against me are the Liberals here in the House, and since I so seldom see any Quebecers who do not agree with me, I am going to challenge them here where I can find them.

Mr. La Salle: Put that in your pipe and smoke it, Rossi!

[*English*]

Mr. Clark: Mr. Speaker, I have to take some satisfaction in passing that we have managed to arouse that group of Members of Parliament who are best known in the country for their dormancy.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Clark: I ask the Member from Montreal—