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remarks in regard to the other place are irrelevant, and that the attitude he has taken on behalf of his party is certainly a threat, if not implied coercion.

Mr. Grégoire: Make me laugh.

Mr. Churchill: The hon. member who is now interrupting is attempting to make a mockery of the House of Commons, where the right to free speech is enjoyed except on those occasions when that hon. member interrupts. I hope one of these days the Speaker will name him.

The leader of the Cr ditiste party is bordering on hypocrisy by speaking in favour of the bill yet refusing to pass it, or alternatively promising that it will pass within two or three weeks, knowing full well that this house may soon adjourn for the Christmas recess. He has stated that he is not going to permit the passage of this bill, but disguised his purposes by suggesting that he is in favour of it. I have risen to register my objection to that kind of action.

This bill has come from the other place and has been approved there. Its objective is worthy. The explanation given by the hon. member for Northumberland has satisfied this house, as far as I am concerned, and I think it should be allowed to pass immediately.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lachance: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. member for Villeneuve would allow me a question.

Mr. Caouette: Surely.

Mr. Lambert: No, a question cannot be allowed, as the hon. member has already spoken.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Order. The hon. member for Villeneuve has completed his remarks.

Mr. Reynold Rapp (Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale): Mr. Speaker, I am very interested in this bill. Throughout my adult life I have been in support of anything which will assist in promoting education, but I must admit I am somewhat at a loss in that there is no explanatory note in the bill itself. The only thing on which I can base my support of the bill is the remarks the hon. lady made and also the fact that there must have been a reason for the bill being passed by the other place.

As I said, I understand the purpose of the bill is to promote facilities that will bring our educational institutions closer together,

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so that their representatives may discuss educational matters and put forward opinions with the end in view that the educational facilities of this country will provide a better and more advanced education for our young people. However, should the bill not be approved at this time I should like to see some explanatory notes put in it. I foresee that the house will adjourn or prorogue and this bill may come up a second time in the other place. I hope that will not be necessary but if this should happen I suggest to the hon. lady that some explanatory notes should be provided, as is done with all other bills, whether private or public, so that people who have not followed the debate in the other place or even in this house will be able to become more familiar with the bill. However, the hon. lady has given a good explanation of the bill, and based on that explanation I am prepared to say I am in favour of it.

[*Translation*]

Mr. G. C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, I intended, a minute ago, to direct a question to the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette).

I understand that another member of that party will probably speak presently, but considering the attitude of the hon. member for Villeneuve and his seemingly hearty approval of the principle of this bill, I would ask him whether it would not be advisable to permit second reading of the bill, so that it could be considered in committee, and let the third reading stand.

That is my suggestion.

I am wondering whether the hon. member for Villeneuve and his colleagues would be ready to accept that suggestion.

Mr. Gilles Gr goire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to speak on this bill, but in view of the awkward—I was going to say the dishonest way in which the hon. member for Northumberland (Miss Jewett) has—

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Miss Jewett: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, did I hear the hon. member say "dishonest"?

Mr. Gr goire: I said "a dishonest way to introduce the bill".

Miss Jewett: I would ask the hon. member to withdraw that. There was nothing dishonest about the way I introduced the bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Batten): Order. I am sure the hon. member for Lapointe would not wish to have that remark remain on the record.