

wait until the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark)—and he is now leaving—is able to favour his brother? Why do we have to wait until the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) is able to dispense his largesse to his sons in Newfoundland? Why do we have to wait until the Minister of Finance—who just left the House—has favoured his brother-in-law? Why so late? Are these guidelines retroactive? Will the so-called experimental scrutiny affect the 1,200 appointments which have already been made?

Mr. Chrétien: One every three hours.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I suppose, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members of the House are entitled to ask the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen) if these guidelines are going to be any more enforced than the guidelines which are currently before the House. Are these guidelines going to be breached the way Mr. Trudeau's guidelines which are currently in force were breached by the Minister of Justice, by the Minister of Finance and by the Secretary of State for External Affairs? That is a question we are entitled to ask.

I notice that the Prime Minister, following some of the recommendations of the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), on an experimental basis only, will allow some Governor in Council appointments to be scrutinized by a parliamentary committee.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: All.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): We will see, and we will see how effective that is. That is not what the Prime Minister said during the election campaign. He said all appointments were going to be scrutinized.

An Hon. Member: And not on an experimental basis.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): And not on an experimental basis. We want a commitment—

Mr. Chrétien: And not a year too late.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):—and not a year too late, not after the barn door has been closed and the horse has escaped.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: All of them retroactive.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): The Prime Minister's supporters, his friends and intimates, have been in the trough for over a year. That is enough time to accomplish the evil. Now we look sanctimonious, we look statesman-like, we look parliamentary and we bring in these guidelines, some of them on an experimental basis.

Mr. Dick: He looks better than you.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): During the election campaign the Prime Minister set very high expectations for the

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performance of this House. He breached those expectations blatantly during the last 12 months. There has been the most consistent patronage, partisan and crony-like appointments in the history of this country.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Frankly, when I looked at the Prime Minister closely as he wrapped himself in the cloak of prime ministerial non-partisanship, I said, what a shameless hypocrite after his conduct during the last year.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Stevens: Withdraw.

Mr. Rossi: Bravo.

Mr. Speaker: The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) is an experienced Member of the House. I think he knows that to accuse someone of being a shameless hypocrite is not terribly parliamentary. I would ask him to withdraw.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Which word, Mr. Speaker, would you like me to withdraw?

Mr. Speaker: The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition knows the difficulty these situations create. I would simply ask him to do what he knows is the right thing and to withdraw the comment.

Mr. Chrétien: Which one?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Do you want me to withdraw the word "shameless" or the word "hypocrite", Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Dick: You know better, John Turner.

Mr. Speaker: I invite the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition to do the right honourable thing and withdraw the comment "shameless hypocrite".

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): If that is your interpretation of the rules then, of course, I accept it, Mr. Speaker. May I say—and I do withdraw those words—that the Prime Minister has been blatantly cynical over the past year in the way he has treated appointments of the Crown.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I notice that the guidelines, or the package tabled under "blue ribbon" today, does not include contracts awarded by the Crown. I would invite the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the House Leader to review with the Hon. Member for St. John's East whether contracts under the benefit of the Crown also ought to be included within these guidelines because, coincidentally, *The Ottawa Citizen* headline of September 7, reads, "Firm