

also a member of the socialist party, is in favour of foreign imports because it is better for the consumer.

Is the leader of the socialist party going to ask Mr. Edmonston to keep quiet? That is what we would like to know. Who is the socialist leader going to smother with the smoke from the Cuban cigars he smokes when the blinds are drawn: Bob White or Phil Edmonston?

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[English]

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

BILL C-114—PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on February 24, 1988, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) introduced in the House Bill C-114, the conflict of interest Bill.

I know it is extremely unfair to quote the Prime Minister by using his own words, but I will do it anyway. In a press release he sent that day, he said:

The Bill, which represents the Government's proposals in respect of conflict of interest, affects the rights and privileges of all Parliamentarians. It is a landmark piece of legislation . . .

He further added in a letter to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner):

I believe it is in the public interest that consideration of these proposals should proceed expeditiously so that the Bill may be enacted and proclaimed as soon as is prudently possible,

Two months later, the Bill has yet to be debated in the House. So much for expeditious, so much for the Prime Minister's words.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

INCLUSION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CONSTITUTION—POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the right to own property is fundamental to millions of Canadians who were disappointed when the former Liberal Government ignored property rights during the 1981 constitutional debate.

Now the House of Commons has passed a Private Member's Motion which calls for the inclusion of property rights. This is a victory for those of us who have supported this proposal. It is also encouraging for the Prime Minister's (Mr. Mulroney) parliamentary reform proposals that new status and importance can be given to Private Members' Motions. I hope this resolution will now hasten the constitutional reform process.

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However, one fact must be observed by all Canadians. Because the New Democratic Party favours nationalization, state farms, and intervention in the economy, the NDP is opposed to the right to own private property.

This week, every NDP member in the House rose to vote against property rights. Is this in the best interest of farm families, small businesses, and of ordinary Canadians? No, it is not. For the NDP, common sense appears to have taken a back seat to philosophic socialism. Now we see the NDP for what they really are, pathetic—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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[Translation]

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

LAC-SAINT-JEAN—NOMINATION OF JEAN PARADIS

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, a by-election has just been called in the electoral district of Lac Saint-Jean. I would like to announce that the New Democrats are ready. Our candidate was chosen on March 13—Mr. Jean Paradis—and I have the honour of drawing the attention of the House to his presence in our gallery today.

Mr. Speaker, the Conservative candidate has announced . . .

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid the Hon. Member, although swift, is nonetheless out of order.

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NORTHWESTEL

SALES OF COMPUTERS—EFFECT ON DEALERS IN WESTERN ARCTIC

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, computer dealers in my constituency are concerned about what they consider to be unfair competition in the field of micro computer sales from the Crown corporation NorthwesTel which is really in the telephone and telecommunications business.

They feel particularly vulnerable when sales to other Government Departments or Crown agencies are involved.

It is interesting to note that in Alberta the provincial Crown corporation Alberta Government Telephones, following similar complaints, has stopped selling "stand-alone" computers and peripherals.

Perhaps NorthwesTel ought to take the lead from AGT in this matter.