

view was expressed by authors and artists in Halifax. It will continue to be expressed across Canada. That is one of my worries, and it should be of some concern to the Government.

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Where do we cut? In my evaluation, we should not cut across the board and penalize everyone equally, but we should choose where those cuts will be made. We would not have chosen the same cuts, but I think it is a fair point to debate. The Government has chosen to cut across the board. I will not challenge that. That is my reply to the Hon. Minister's question put to the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault).

Miss Carney: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault). In light of the comments which were made by the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme), does the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques concur with the idea that in a corporation such as the CBC, which costs taxpayers close to \$1 billion a year, there is no room and scope for expenditure cuts, particularly at the overhead and management level? Is he suggesting that taxpayers should commit a certain amount of money to any institution with absolutely no overview of the way in which the money is spent by the institution? Does he feel that \$75 million cannot be cut out of a corporation which was established by a Conservative Government and which has goals which are supported by the Conservative Government? Is he saying that in an operation of nearly \$1 billion, \$75 million cannot be saved in day to day overhead and management operations?

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Mr. Speaker, I think I answered that question. It was posed a moment ago by the Parliamentary Secretary. I expressed very clearly that I was against the way in which the cuts were made. First, they were made without warning—

Miss Carney: Do you agree?

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): I am answering her question. She does not have to provide the answer.

Without notice, overnight, on November 8, the cuts were made. We on this side disliked it when the Minister of Communications posed as a hero and said that he was saving programming. The next day the President of the CBC denied that completely. I am not—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I am sorry, but the Hon. Member's time has expired. I will recognize the Hon. Member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Parry) on debate.

Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, in view of the considerable—

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight) rises on a point of order.

Louis David Riel

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes) was seeking the eye of the Chair. We have just heard from an Hon. Member on the opposition benches. I wonder if the Speaker might have missed the Hon. Member for Calgary West?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have recognized speakers in the order in which I feel they should be recognized. Therefore, I recognize the Hon. Member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Parry) on debate.

Mr. Parry: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In view of the obvious anxiety of the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight), I would be more than happy to defer to my hon. colleague who, I am sure, has remarks of great substance to make.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the House is going to be so reasonable, on the Hon. Member's behalf I will recognize the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes) for debate.

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my hon. colleague—

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I think that your judgment was very good and that we can deal with this matter by asking for unanimous consent. Therefore, I would request that you put the question to the House to ensure that it is unanimously agreed that the Hon. Member you recognized first will be superseded by the gentleman on the government side, so that his position to speak will be protected.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I recognized the Hon. Member for Kenora-Rainy River, however, he gave his position to the Hon. Member for Calgary West. I have then recognized the Hon. Member for Calgary West. He has the floor. Now I will call it five o'clock.

[Translation]

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall order No. 2 stand by unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.