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that he does not want an unbiased, scientific analysis of Canada, a scientific basis for representation in this House of Commons? This cannot be accomplished except by people not directly connected with politics. If any member of the government, the opposition or the C.C.F. tells me it can, I say he is a liar because it cannot. Personal prejudice, constituency prejudice and party prejudice all enter the picture because we are all human and subject to human frailties.

I would not like to close my seat after 25 years and no other member would either whether he is here 25 years or only two months.

**Mr. Halpenny:** You will get a pension.

**Mr. Winch:** I am honest; are you honest?

**Mr. Halpenny:** I have on a red carnation, how could I be honest?

**Mr. Winch:** I have been here in Ottawa and in Victoria for 25 years. Twice during that time I have been on redistribution committees. I say, as a member of the C.C.F. and believing I am honest, that you cannot be honest on that kind of committee. You cannot be honest, because personal interest, personal prejudice and party interest all enter the picture.

**An hon. Member:** Is that so?

**Mr. Winch:** Are you afraid to hear from an honest man?

**Mr. Ricard:** You cannot be honest without being in the C.C.F.

**An hon. Member:** Are you sure about that?

**Mr. Ricard:** We can be honest; we have been honest all the time.

**Mr. Habel:** Are you sure about that?

**Mr. Ricard:** You are sure of that.

**Mr. Winch:** I did not catch what my hon. friend said, but I will say this. When the vote on this bill is taken, I intend to watch very carefully to see where he stands to be counted.

**Mr. Ricard:** You stand just because there is enough desk around you.

**Mr. Winch:** I do not see any halo around you.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea):** Order; I must remind hon. members that they must address the chair and not each other.

**Mr. Winch:** One of our members has introduced a bill asking this House of Commons, in plenty of time, to establish a basis for representation in the house by constituencies and by provinces by a completely

scientific analysis, completely free of any political interest whatever. I believe it will be 1962 before the bill can come into effect. The final bill concerning representation by provinces and by constituencies must be passed by this House of Commons and the other place. The final authority rests with the House of Commons and the other place. This bill now before us requests that the law be amended so the decision shall be made on a nonpolitical basis.

I fail completely to understand why a member of any party in this house could object to that scientific, nonpolitical basis. The final authority rests with the House of Commons, and I sincerely hope that the members of this house, when it comes to a matter of this nature being nonpartisan, will support the bill.

**Mr. Frank McGee (York-Scarborough):** Mr. Speaker, before I commence my remarks concerning this bill I should like to deal in some detail with some of the matters raised by the hon. member who preceded me and, I must confess, some of the rather astonishing implications, perhaps philosophical implications, of the comments that he made. I recall, in particular, his fervent, moving comments concerning the dirty, rotten redistribution committee on which he said he had the privilege of serving while a member of the British Columbia legislature.

Might I suggest in passing that it seems to me rather typical of those who occupy the eight lonely seats in the corner—

**Mr. Peters:** They are never lonely.

**Mr. McGee:** —that when they are handed something which is dirty and rotten, according to their own definition, their first reaction is to pass the buck to somebody else.

The somebody else to whom these dirty, rotten and other tasks are passed has always fascinated me about the philosophy of this little group in the corner; because in passing these things, things such as the control of the economy and other such matters that this group advance as their solution to the problems of Canada today, the powers they impute to the men who will make up these powers and to whom they pass their dirty rotten jobs from time to time, are incapable of solving them. For instance, if I may be allowed a "for instance", who is going to produce this planned economy?

**Mr. Fisher:** I rise on a point of order. It seems to me that the hon. member is far off course.

**Mr. Hamilton (York West):** Speaking to the point of order, may I say this. Surely the hon. member is allowed to lay the groundwork for