

country go down the tubes because of an irrational response of a government that does not care.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the stand taken by the hon. member for Mount Royal who is in fact attacking the freedom of the press. I get the feeling that she has the same disease as her leader who accused members of the press of being against him. In his view, to be on his side, journalists have to be actually working for him. She said we should promote national unity because there is more talk about separatism than federalism in Quebec. But that is what is really happening in Quebec, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, there are more people talking of sovereignty than there are talking of federalism. Should the CBC not reflect that fact, make it known and ensure that the people get a clear picture of what is going on in Quebec? Should objectivity be denied for the sake of national unity?

Should the CBC be used for propaganda purposes? What would you say if Radio-Quebec were used to promote sovereignty? That is not the case. That is not the mandate it was given by the national assembly.

Mr. Speaker, for the hon. member for Mount Royal national unity means that you must say "Jean Chrétien is against Meech Lake!" if you are speaking English, and *Jean Chrétien est en faveur du lac Meech* if you are speaking French. That is how the member for Mount Royal sees national unity, Mr. Speaker.

Does national unity mean that the people of Quebec are to be made to believe that the NDP exists in Quebec because it exists in British Columbia? Come now! We know that would not be an objective statement and that is not the truth. So, once again, the CBC must reflect the reality and not be a propaganda tool at the hands of the government.

Must we, all in the name of national unity, display Chinese vases, would say a very contemptuous former prime minister as he did when he was having problems with Quebec? Is that what national unity means for the Liberal member? All in all, if the people of Quebec make use of the CBC and pay for it, do they not have the right to be informed objectively? Do francophone journalists not provide objective information? I am almost done, Mr. Speaker. It seems to me that there is a

disinformation problem in Quebec at the present time. It has to do with anglophone media distorting the Quebec reality and not informing the rest of the country of what is going on. All Quebecers do not live in the town of Mount Royal, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have an opportunity to rise and participate in debate on this bill. I want you to know that I was number 10 on the list. Eight of the colleagues who were ahead of me were contemplating their speech material in the back and I had the opportunity, I am sure of their deep contemplation, to rush in here and fill the gap.

I am pleased once again to rise and participate in debate on this bill respecting broadcasting. I had the pleasure of doing so some three or four weeks ago. This bill, in the context and against the backdrop of what is occurring today in our country, points out the new mindset—

Mr. Duceppe: Mr. Speaker, there is no quorum.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): A member asked if there was a quorum.

And the count having been taken:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): There being a quorum, I shall give the floor back to the member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte.

[*English*]

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Karygiannis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am sick and tired of what the member just did. I think the Chair should actually talk to him when he just gets up and says "on a point of order" and then leaves.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): That is not a point of order. The hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte has the floor.

[*English*]

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, I hope you will adjust the clock so that I do not want to lose the opportunity to