

**Mr. Faulkner:** The hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams), who is spokesman on all these issues on behalf of the official opposition, said he hopes the bill will die on the order paper. I am not prepared to impute motives. If it is not collusion, I accept the view of the Leader of the Opposition on that.

**Some hon. Members:** Withdraw.

**Mr. Faulkner:** I withdraw that.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** You what?

**Mr. Faulkner:** I withdraw the suggestion of any collusion.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Faulkner:** What we have in fact, Mr. Speaker, is essentially the same situation.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Faulkner:** It may not be collusion, but effectively what the opposition is doing is supporting the objectives of the two companies.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Oh, come on.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Faulkner:** It may be innocent.

**An hon. Member:** Ask Simma.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I did not interrupt the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) when he was dealing, however briefly, with the merits. As he was so quick to say, this is no place to debate the merits. The hon. member has said he withdraws the remark indicating collusion. I would ask him not to get in to the merits, and I think he ought to complete his remarks.

**Mr. Faulkner:** I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker, and I will be as brief as the Leader of the Opposition. In his remarks, the Leader of the Opposition referred to control over content.

**An hon. Member:** This is debate.

**Mr. Faulkner:** It is debate launched by the Leader of the Opposition, and hon. members opposite might have the patience to listen to my reply. The point that has been made on this side time and time again—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Faulkner:** —is that the bill—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Faulkner:** They seem to be extraordinarily sensitive over there. Bill C-58, which is the bill before the House, in none of its clauses deals with the question of control.

**Mr. Stanfield:** You are disingenuous.

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**Mr. Faulkner:** It in no place deals with the question of content. It is simply a proposition dealing with withdrawal of sections 19(2) and 19(4)—

**Some hon. Members:** Debate.

● (1510)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. With respect, I believe the hon. Secretary of State is tending to get away from the procedural question. I am sure that in a matter of this importance there will be ample opportunity for both hon. members to express their views on the merits or otherwise of the legislation. The procedural question has been raised by the Leader of the Opposition with respect to a remark which was made outside the House. The Leader of the Opposition indicated that if the Secretary of State were prepared to withdraw the suggestion of collusion, the matter would finish there. The Secretary of State has said quite clearly, more than once, that he withdraws such a suggestion. He has other arguments to make, I am sure, about the position taken by the opposition, but they will have to be reserved for a later date. At the moment, the withdrawal of the remark resolves the procedural problem.

**Mr. Friesen:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the same news conference. The Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) referred to a January 1 deadline which would be imposed on the two publishing companies. He made this reference without any regard to the legislative process or to the fact that the bill has not been given second reading, and I regard his statement as showing utter contempt for the legislative process.

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### SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

#### MEASURE TO RESTRICT SENATORS FROM HOLDING EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-400, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (corporate and political office prohibited).

He said: The purpose of this bill is to restrict members of the other place from holding executive office in national political parties and from acting as fund raisers for the Liberal Party. Senators are appointed to represent regions in Canada, not to hold executive positions in national political parties. Moreover, they are being paid by Canadian taxpayers to act in the Senate, not to act for national political parties.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.