

Time Allocation

An Hon. Member: Have you counted them? Count them up?

Mr. Boudria: I will gladly respond to the noise coming from the Hon. Member opposite. I have right here the book of 338 Tory promises to which I referred a few moments ago. At the rate the Government is going now it would take it until the year 2026 to deliver on all of those promises.

Mr. Lewis: We'll be here, don't worry. With your support, we will be here.

Mr. Boudria: I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that in 1988 the Tories will not be here so there is a small chance they will ever have to deliver on the rest of their promises.

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have an opportunity to enter into this debate for a short time and put into the record the nonsense we have been putting up with over the past few days. This House has been delayed and delayed and delayed as a result of the dilatory tactics of the opposition. We have spent 22 hours and 42 minutes, not in debate but in dilatory motions. We have spent 10 hours and 8 minutes on divisions because the opposition refuses to allow a full and complete debate on this Bill.

Mr. Orlikow: No, you want to limit the debate.

Mr. Lewis: I could read all of these times into the record but I see no reason for embarrassing the opposition any more than it already is.

I want to deal specifically, riding by riding, with some of my colleagues in the opposition. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, what does the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) say to the employees of the Abbott Drug Company which produces drugs and does research? How does she explain to them that by filibustering this Bill she is delaying the research and development which would be done by the Abbott Company?

Mr. Orlikow: It never did it before.

Mr. Lewis: I will now make direct reference to the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) who will have to go out and tell the employees of Continental Pharma why he is filibustering the Bill which would put more research and development into his riding.

Mr. Skelly: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is very disturbing when an Hon. Member rises in the House and misleads the House on matters proven not to be the case by Canadian history. The American multinational drug companies have withdrawn their investment in this country. They have never made—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paposki): Order. I do not believe that is debate and I do not consider it to be a point of order.

Mr. Lewis: When I was interrupted, Mr. Speaker, I was discussing the employees of Continental Pharma who will be asking the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East why he and his Party are blocking this important Bill. We move over one or two ridings to that of the Hon. Member for Saint-Jacques (Mr. Guilbault) who has the Jouveinal Company in his riding, another drug company which is involved in research, trying to make better drugs for Canadians. He is part of the filibuster of this Bill. There is another company in the riding of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal, the A.H. Robins Company, which would invest more in research and development.

Mr. McCurdy: Sure they will.

Mr. Skelly: I have a bridge for sale out in my car.

Mr. Lewis: Let me move to the great Province of Ontario, if I may, and consider Park Davis in the riding of the Hon. Member for Eglinton—Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille). Where is he? When is he going to stand up for the employees of Park Davis? We then move to the riding of York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) where the Rorer Chemical Company does research and development, but the Hon. Member for York South—Weston does not want this research and development done in his riding. I move now to the Ayeth Company which is represented in the ridings of the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) and the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray). Where are these Hon. Members? Why are they blocking debate on this important Bill?

We are talking about research, Mr. Speaker, and development. We are talking about \$1.4 billion injected into the economy of Canada.

Mr. Crombie: How many jobs?

Mr. Lewis: We are talking about 3,000 new jobs. I am glad the Hon. Member asked that question. With the multiplier effect this figure would take us up to 9,000 jobs in Canada. Why is the NDP and the Liberal Party against jobs? Why are they against jobs in research and development? Having failed to answer that question, let me ask a more important question. Why is the NDP Party and the Liberal Party against research and development which will produce cures? Why is the NDP Party against a cure for cancer, for Alzheimer's disease, for Aids, for all of these things which put Canadian lives at risk? What does the NDP Party and the Liberal Party have against finding cures for disease?

Mr. McCurdy: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think that within the House of Commons there are certain expectations with respect to courtesy and the dignity of debate. I have heard no one rise and talk about the CPP or the LPP. The name of the Party I represent proudly is the New Democratic Party. Those who cannot say all of those words together sometimes refer to our Party as the NDP, but it is never referred to by anyone with an ounce of common sense as