

I think that if we accept these criteria, we will improve our services at Radio-Canada and at the same time, we trust journalists and Canadians to decide what they want.

In concluding, I would like to say that John Milton, in his famous pamphlet *Areopagitica*, said: "Let (Truth) and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew truth put to the worse, in a free and open encounter?" That is the CBC's mission, and that is why I feel that I must support Motions Nos. 8 and 9 because we need more Canadian content and more unbiased content.

[*English*]

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that it is a great pleasure to join this debate in the criticism of the bill, as organized by the member for Mount Royal. There are some excellent criticisms.

In ending the debate today, I would like to say that I am not too sure I am facing a government any more. Lately, it does not matter what I am talking about in the House, I am finding that this government is destroying the underpinnings of our country.

Yesterday I was speaking about financial institutions and the changes the government is suggesting there. It is just terrible what it has been doing. It does not matter what we stand up to talk about because this group across from us simply do not understand Canada—at least not the Canada this party has tried to build, a country that we are very proud of. The cornerstone of that country has been CBC and the promotion of Canadian content.

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As a consumer of the CBC and as one who listens to it and who enjoys CBC very much, I cannot understand how this government would do anything to undermine its mandate. There is a national purpose to the CBC. That is why we created it. It has been over 50 years in operation and is a corporation which, like any other Crown Corporation, has had its ups and downs. It never wavered from the commitment made by its employees to try to do the best to ensure that Canadians received the same message from one part of the country to the other.

Those of us who travelled across the country and have had the good fortune to live in many regions of the country, understand just how CBC pulls us together. I can tell you that before I took on this life as a member of Parliament, I used to contribute to a show on CBC, the radio show with the host Jack Farr, a very entertaining show. I was always amazed that people from the four corners of the country had heard that program. No matter what the item was, they managed to be entertained. It gave me a feeling that this country was more than just dollars and cents, but that there was a purpose to this country, a purpose that people enjoy.

I am just beginning to show how this piece of legislation—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member will have eight minutes left when we commence debate tomorrow.

[*Translation*]

It being six o'clock, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.
