

**Mr. Epp:** Madam Speaker, the minister is again not giving an answer as to whether he will take the advice of many, including those who have written the memo, in regard to advertising in a period of time when Parliament is looking at the draft resolution. The government has to look very seriously at the legitimacy of advertising at that time. What can escalate, of course, is a propaganda war. In fact, a CP story quoting Premier Blakeney had that premier stating, for example, "Yes, we have ads prepared on behalf of Saskatchewan", but he fears "an advertising war".

I believe Canadians who want to look rationally at what is the best approach for our future in constitutional terms may find this could divide the country in its approach to constitutional renewal, rather than having a calm, rational debate here in the House where it should now take place. When will the government give clear assurance that it will stop its advertising campaign in view of the fact that Parliament now has the constitution resolution before it?

**Mr. Fleming:** Madam Speaker, I have had mail from at least one member of the official opposition calling the constitutional ads excellent. We have the Premier of British Columbia delivering door-to-door information, we have Mr. Blakeney, who has never appeared to me to be someone full of fear of the federal government, talking about a campaign, and we have had Quebec doing it.

I think we have a serious problem in Canada in that Canadians in recent years have not had an opportunity to well understand the programs before Parliament. I would sit down and stand by those statements. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition left our part of what I said this morning in his statement, but the statement by the hon. member for St. John's East was basically accurate in respect of what I said. I stand by that. If and when we make a decision to run further ads then that answer will be available.

**An hon. Member:** We are being goosed.

#### INQUIRY AS TO RATIONALE FOR \$6 MILLION EXPENDITURE

**Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West):** Madam Speaker, I have a further question for the minister of government propaganda who chooses—

**Some hon. Members:** Order, order.

**Mr. Bosley:** It is amazing, Madam Speaker, how members opposite do not like the truth. The minister who fully knows—

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

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. member resume his seat. I think the hon. member would benefit from calling the minister by his proper title; otherwise he might not get an answer.

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

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Bosley:** Madam Speaker, I stand corrected. I have a question for the minister for multiculturalism and government propaganda.

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

**Mr. Bosley:** Madam Speaker, the minister knows full well—

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

**Mr. Bosley:** Madam Speaker, I now know where the whole cast for the beaver ad was.

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

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I will again give the hon. member the floor but I would ask him not to be argumentative and to go to his question immediately.

**Mr. Bosley:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question for the minister. I know what he stands for if he does not. The question is this. Since he chooses to ignore the staff report to himself which indicates that his ads are clearly partisan propaganda, I would ask him this question about the reasoning behind spending \$6 million on the advertising. He maintains that the need is to tell Canadians about a matter, either, I presume—

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Bosley:** There is a question.

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Bosley:** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the minister this question. Do you justify the \$6 million—

**An hon. Member:** Who are you asking?

**Mr. Bosley:** I am asking the minister, Madam Speaker, and he knows who is being asked. It is the minister for multiculturalism and—

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

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. There has been a question. I heard a question. I do not know whether or not there is an answer, but I heard a question.

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

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I heard a question. If there is no answer then the hon. member can ask another question.

**An hon. Member:** Go ahead, Jim.

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

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. We have had a first question.

**An hon. Member:** And no answer.