

Oral Questions

and many more. Only yesterday, two of Mr. Bourassa's cabinet ministers, Mrs. Frulla-Hébert and Mr. Cannon, said the federal government's offer was unacceptable, and Mr. Bourassa himself is seeking full cultural sovereignty for Quebec.

My question is as follows: How can the government keep talking about a genuine renewal of federalism, when it ignores Quebec's historical demands as formulated by Jean Lesage and Robert Bourassa?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to my hon. friend, after a friendly evening spent with Preston Manning.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

• (1500)

Mr. Mulroney: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member mentions certain problems that some Quebecers have with some provisions, but he should not get all worked up about it. In the field of culture, the main provision that my friend mentioned, one Quebecer yesterday called it a very interesting and rewarding approach—Jacques Parizeau.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean): We all have friends, Mr. Speaker. Jacques Parizeau is my friend now and I can tell you that Mr. Manning is a very civilized man with whom one can disagree but still respect him.

Now Quebecers, from Robert Bourassa—

An hon. member: I object!

Some hon. members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, I will wait until order is restored, perhaps.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has the floor.

Mr. Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, now that Quebecers from Robert Bourassa to Jean Campeau and Claude Béland have rejected the federal offer that sought to take over Quebec's important economic levers and the government is preparing to change its proposal, it must nevertheless realize that a real reform necessarily involves the transfer of powers. What is the government waiting for to make the massive transfer of powers

demanding by the report of the federalist party in power in Quebec, the Allaire Report?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have seen everything. The hon. member is now defending federalism again!

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Mulroney: The Leader of the Opposition asks me whether he will be an ambassador a second time. No!

Some hon. members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: Now, I could change my mind, depending on the place. The hon. member seems to be quite impressed by people like Jean Campeau and Claude Béland, who are very nice Quebecers and speak in favour of my friend's new proposal, because he was a great defender of federalism when he was here barely a year and a half ago. Now Mr. Béland and Jean Campeau have become his allies, and rightly so because they are great Quebecers. I could also tell him about Claude Castonguay, Alain Dubuc and Claude Beauchamp. I could also tell him about Roger D. Landry, a great Quebecer and a great Canadian who never changes his thinking as he would change his shirt.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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[English]

DE HAVILLAND

Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, today the European community announced that it was preventing the takeover of de Havilland by the French and Italian governments. For the last six months there has been tremendous uncertainty about the future of de Havilland. De Havilland has—

Mr. Speaker: Given the time, I would ask the hon. member to put the question very clearly and very succinctly.

Mr. Peterson: Will the minister tell Canadians and give them the certainty that de Havilland and its 4,300 workers need? Will it commit today to ensuring the future of de Havilland and its workers? Will it commit to ensuring that de Havilland continues as a leading aircraft manufacturer in the world?