

*Non-Canadian Publications*

**Mr. McGrath:** The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway was denied the right to be heard, and she stood in her place in this House and said so.

**Mr. Breau:** You just admitted you were wrong.

**Mr. McGrath:** I say now that all the arguments in the world would not make you understand, because you are so partisan that you would not understand the facts.

**Mrs. Holt:** I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Before recognizing the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt), I must remind hon. members that they are to address the Chair and not individuals on the opposite side.

**Mrs. Holt:** Madam Speaker, since I have again been brought into this debate on this issue I would like to clarify it. I was occasionally allowed to be heard, if there was time. That was all. I was not allowed to make motions or to vote, which, after all, is the most important part of my role in parliament.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Order, please. That is not a point of order but a matter of debate.

**Mr. McGrath:** I hope, Madam Speaker, that will settle the argument, because I am sure even the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Breau) will have to accept the word of his colleague, the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Madam Speaker, on the same point of order—

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** It was not a point of order.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** On a point of order, Madam Speaker, I just want to make it clear to the House—and this is common knowledge—that when a member is not on a committee he is entitled to discuss but surely he should not be entitled to move motions when he is not a member of the committee. On that I have to agree with the hon. member.

**Mr. McGrath:** All I know, Madam Speaker, is that the record will show that the only time the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway was heard in a substantive way and allowed to make a contribution was when I moved a motion that she be heard. The government members on the committee abstained. The majority, which happened to be the opposition as a result of the abstention, carried and the hon. member was heard.

I submit to the minister, who is not now in the House, that he consider withdrawing this bill. Give us an opportunity to go back to the committee. Give us an opportunity to recall the representatives of *Reader's Digest* and *Time*. Give us an opportunity to examine these important witnesses in the context of the new definition which may make it possible for *Time* to continue to publish in Canada as before, with some modification. What concerns me most is that we can never again take seriously the government's intentions with regard to the examination of bills before committees. It is a farce; it is a charade; it is an utter waste of time. Members put in many hours of hard work in

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committee in connection with the bill before us. The sittings were particularly arduous, having regard to the restraint placed on us by closure. We were denied the right to recall a number of witnesses whose evidence would have been most valuable.

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As to the radio and television aspect of the debate, I may say I have no brief for the border stations. I believe the time has come for the loopholes in the Income Tax Act to be closed to protect Canadian broadcasting. But if a special case can be made for *Reader's Digest*, I suggest that a special case can equally be made for KVOS, a station which is unique, a station which voluntarily follows the restrictions imposed by the CRTC, which complies with all the requirements of Canadian law and which operates essentially as a Vancouver station. I believe the House deserves the right to explore further the aspect I have mentioned in the context of the accord which has been entered into with *Reader's Digest*.

I know the House will have an amendment before it and I am sure this amendment will commend itself to the well-meaning members on the government side who are just as concerned about this issue as I am. I refer especially to the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik) who made such an outstanding contribution to this debate. He put forward a constructive amendment at the report stage, but unfortunately it was rejected by his colleagues. I refer, also, to the hon. member for Timmins who has spoken on third reading and who also made an outstanding contribution during the report stage. He is another who saw his amendment rejected; its intention was to save certain special publications such as *MD, Canada*. I hope our amendment will commend itself to a majority of the House. Perhaps it will not even be necessary. Perhaps there will be another meeting of the caucus of the Liberal party at which the Secretary of State, that immovable force, will be prevailed upon to withdraw this bill with provision that the subject matter be referred back to committee.

I believe we deserve the right to examine the minister on the accord he has entered into with *Reader's Digest* and question him as to the possibility of reaching some similar accord which would allow *Time* magazine to continue to publish its Canadian section and, who knows, even to live within the so-called Cullen rule.

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina):** Madam Speaker, I wanted to take a few moments at the third reading stage of Bill C-58 to put a few remarks on the record. For some months now we have been discussing this bill at the report stage, committee stage and second reading, and I think some of the attempts that have been made to distort what are two fairly straightforward principles are objectionable to a number of members, among whom I include myself.

I think the public has been misled by members of the opposition. I feel that the remarkable distortions that have been made in two fairly straightforward principles should be responded to to some extent. The two fairly straightforward principles, as I see them, are that first, as the O'Leary Commission concluded so many years ago, the Canadian publishing industry cannot succeed so long as it must compete for revenue with branch plant operations of foreign magazines. That principle was established by the