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half of her remarks. Why, then, are not other hon. members of this house given the same privilege as the minister to deal with a subject which she herself raised?

At that time, sir, the minister should have been called to order and restricted to the resolution which was placed on the order paper. On page 3038 of *Hansard* you will find her remarks concerning the proposed Canada pension plan, and subsequent speeches by other hon. members of this house should be permitted to deal with the subject that she herself raised.

Mr. Woolliams: In reference to this matter, Mr. Chairman, I just want to say, what a mockery, when it is all right for one province and not all right for another, which is in effect what the minister said. Why should it be fair for one and not fair for the other? I have in my hand a document from which I would like to quote. The minister challenged me and said that at no time did the Liberal party in literature which they put out, or in campaign speeches, which were printed in the newspapers, say they would immediately increase the pension for senior citizens. I want to read from "This is the man". This is a document put out by the official Liberal association authorized by the Liberal association and printed by D. W. Friesen & Sons, Limited.

Miss LaMarsh: When?

Mr. Woolliams: This was in the last election campaign, 1963. And if you deny this program, then you must deny everything you said to the Canadian people.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Churchill: Get the truth squad out again, and the pigeons and the colouring books.

Mr. Pickersgill: You have the "Pigeons".

Mr. Woolliams: I now quote from this document, which reads:

That Canadians need a contributory pension program, over and above the present universal old age pension. They offer a program that will give pensioners an additional \$10 immediately—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Lamontagne: Go on.

Mr. Woolliams: It continues:

—with ultimate benefits as high as \$295 a month per couple.

I want to go further. This was promised to the Canadian people by the Prime Minister on the grounds that there would not be an increase in taxation. I submit that he made those speeches in the province of Quebec; he made those speeches in the province of Ontario, in the maritimes and in western Canada.

They told this house and the Canadian people that the senior citizens of this country would get an increase of \$10 a month immediately. It is only because the 96 Conservatives in opposition took the position which they did take on July 18 that today we find the government have reversed their position. For what reason? I say, the reason of straight political expediency. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that when we are dealing with welfare benefits or an increase in pensions we cannot consider the subject without—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Woolliams: I wonder, Mr. Chairman—

The Chairman: Order. Could we have order in the chamber.

Mr. Woolliams: I know, Mr. Chairman, that you have asked for order on several occasions and I would appreciate it if there were a little more order.

Mr. Côté (Longueuil): Mr. Chairman, I would like to know, on a question of privilege, whether the hon. member could table the document he just read.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, my good friend knows the rule—

The Chairman: There is no question of privilege here.

Mr. Woolliams: —that a private member does not table documents. Whether he is looking for a job in the cabinet, I do not know. However, dealing with the commitment made by the Liberal party, I think there is a little restlessness lately in that party and we now read in the newspapers that certain backbenchers consider that the present minister should resign.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Woolliams: I want to say this, with great respect, to the minister. I do not believe this plan was visioned by the minister; I believe it was visioned by the Prime Minister of this country. I believe the contributory pension plan, which I described earlier in my remarks as being one which would stretch out like an octopus in its present form to crush all kinds of investment, was really the Pearson plan, being part of the election campaign of 1962, and it happened to fall to the lot of the minister to implement this plan. So when the Liberal backbenchers are considering the resignation of the present minister they should put the bell on the right neck and find out whose plan it was.

An hon. Member: Bell the cat.

Mr. Woolliams: It is interesting to note what has happened recently, because in the