

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mrs. Holt:** Mr. Speaker, I thought I still had four minutes: I have been watching the time.

**An hon. Member:** You have more time now.

**Mrs. Holt:** What is being debated here is the right of choice by corporate citizens, small business of large, to advertise wherever they choose, and to use, if they so choose, the marvellous resource of a long-time landed citizen in Canada. It is the right of the advertisers to advertise in a magazine that to all intents and purposes is Canadian in that it has been a resident here for 32 years or, in the case of KVOS, here on invitation and eagerly welcomed into this country some 20 years ago.

We were happy to get them in the west. They came there after the CBC, and before the CTV. We in the west have a need, and also a right, to read about our country in objective style and in depth and in detail as a part of the entire world scene. We also have the right to watch KVOS and the American networks from across a border, only 30 miles away from Vancouver—just as we have the right to see American network stations on CBC and CTV. If we could find other stations that can give us this programming, we would watch them. When the satellite and converters come into operation, we will be able to get this programming from all over the world.

Will we have cable deletion then? Will the CRTC become the fence, then, for selling stolen goods to Canada? Is that what commercial deletion is? Our cultural diet seems to be forced on us from this part of the world in Toronto, both in the published and the electronic media. I have said this before, that no one has the right to use the law in the wide reaches of this huge country to deprive us of the choice to read and to see and hear what we wish, nor the right to force us to rely on the mean, cynical, parochial and narrow nationalism of the Toronto-controlled media.

This bill, quite certainly, was intended and designed for the assassination of *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *MD*, *Canadian Medicine*, KVOS and other border stations. Once more I repeat, because they are so appropriate, the words of George Bernard Shaw who said "Assassination is the extreme form of censorship".

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

**Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, I am just wondering if we should have a minute of silence so that members on the government benches can put band-aids on their backs to stop the flow of blood.

**An hon. Member:** They need more than band-aids.

**Mr. Epp:** I have a few things to say to the minister, and I hope she will start listening. Obviously, up to the present time she has not made a habit of listening to other people.

**Mrs. Sauv e:** I will listen to you, chum.

**Mr. Epp:** That is a step in the right direction.

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

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**Mr. Epp:** Mr. Speaker, every time I get up to speak, it seems the deputy whip over there wants to make a speech sitting down. Perhaps he might like to change the procedure and get up and make a speech on his feet.

**An hon. Member:** He can't speak on his feet.

**Mr. Epp:** Perhaps he cannot stand and speak at the same time.

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

**Mr. Lalonde:** If you have something to say, say it or sit down.

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

**Mr. Lalonde:** Have you got something to say? We are listening.

**Mr. Epp:** I can understand that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) would not be too pleased with the preceding speech, but I am afraid he will not have any more luck in what I am going to say, either. He is obviously rather touchy, so this must be getting to him.

● (1620)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Order, please. Would the hon. member address his remarks to Bill C-58.

**Mr. Epp:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad that I now have the attention of the minister and may proceed. During the hearings held by the committee, most of the concentration on the provisions relating to television was concerned with the Buffalo operation and KVOS, Bellingham, Washington. I do not wish to spend too much time on that aspect. I am pleased the minister is in the House this afternoon because I shall try to point out the effect this bill would have in a very restricted local area. After this presentation to the minister, hopefully some positive change might be effected. The hearings regarding the two areas I mentioned, Buffalo and Bellingham, involved the CRTC regulations and the proposal that KVOS placed before the members of the committee by which it is willing, in order to expand the industry it started in British Columbia relating to animation and film production, to have "X" number of dollars, to be decided by the CRTC, plowed back, so to speak, into the operation.

The minister shakes her head, but I think this is a proposal which goes much beyond any proposal made by any other television station. I think it bears research and re-examination. KVOS beams into the lower mainland of British Columbia. At the recent CRTC hearings in Vancouver it was revealing to those who live there to discover that members such as the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) were completely supported by most residents of British Columbia in that they want KVOS to remain on the air. I believe the representations that were made to the CRTC, regardless of what the minister or the members of the government might feel, made it obvious that most people in British Columbia who now receive KVOS service do not want that service reduced or eliminated in any way.