

Government Orders

I see I have two minutes left. That is fine, for I will have a chance to speak again tomorrow on this issue, and the day after. I will speak as long as I have things to say in this House.

• (1830)

Mr. Speaker, we have had fourteen speakers altogether on this bill, including the Minister for International Trade from Newfoundland who also put in his two-cents worth, when he said that we absolutely had to help Newfoundland, and that in any case it was the right time to do it, on June 7, 1990. You may remember that Clyde Wells was in Ottawa, talking about other things at the time.

Mr. Speaker, in his speech last year, the parliamentary secretary said that the project might have as much as 45 per cent Canadian content. Today, faced with the objections of the Bloc Québécois, they are suddenly talking about as much as 60 per cent. We don't believe that. We don't believe the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources when he says that. We don't believe the Minister from Newfoundland. They fooled Canadians so often, we can't believe them any more. Let them put it in the bill! When it's in the bill, when it really says Canadians will have the right to tender on all projects in this six or seven billion dollar megaproject, when Canadians have that right in the bill, then I can say I did my duty as a Quebecer and as a Canadian. During the remainder of our term. Then I will be able to say yes to this bill. Meanwhile, as the member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead and with the other members of the Bloc québécois, we intend to vote against this bill unless it can be amended as proposed.

I ask the Conservative members from Quebec, and my time is almost up: Talk to Benoît Bouchard about the statement he made recently! Remind him of what happened in late June, 1990!

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret that the hon. member's time has expired.

[Translation]

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Manicouagan): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I just want to say that in his speech, the hon. member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead continuously called hon. members by their names while the practice in this House is to call mem-

bers by the name of their riding. I would like to see the hon. member who has been here for a while show more respect for our Standing Orders.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I know the hon. member will address the minister by his title or the hon. member by his constituency. The hon. member has 30 seconds left in his debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Gérin: Mr. Speaker, I want my colleague who was a member of the committee to know that I am sorry and that I understand very well why he would not want to see his name associated with such a situation. If I were him, I would feel the same way. I would be ashamed, back in Quebec, to make such a statement. He is perfectly right, Mr. Speaker, and I would ask you to strike his name from my speech, like, he will be stricken from the political map after the next election, unless he comes to his senses pretty soon.

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, it would like to say a few words in French, having been impressed by the address of the member who just spoke. He told us he was here to represent the interests of Quebec and of Quebecers. It must however be understood that the members who are sitting to my left, the group of independents who want to be called the Bloc québécois, are not the only ones to champion the cause of Quebecers, in Canada—

Some hon. members: Who else?

Some hon. members: Where are the other ones?

M. Volpe: —because members are elected to represent all Canadians.

Some hon. members: Right on!

Some hon. members: Ah, ah!

Mr. Volpe: So, if my colleague insists on draping himself in the flag of only one province while arguing at the same time that his group wants to represent the interests of all Canadians in this project—

This makes us wonder when in fact he is telling the truth: is it when he speaks for Quebecers only, or when he stands for all Canadians. When he says that for now he is still a Canadian, and as such, wants to protect everyone's interest, he is trying to confuse us. He wants to send one message to Quebecers, to those listening in