

Withholding of Grain Payments

determine if his subjects are left enough freedom of expression?

Mr. Mahoney: Read it all.

Mr. Nielsen: The hon. member for Calgary South (Mr. Mahoney) interjects. He is the member who stood up the other day and said that everything about the economy of this country is beautiful, that we are getting along just fine. If the hon. member would like to borrow the publications—if he has not read them yet he is welcome to them.

Clearly this kind of philosophy and other Trudeau philosophies are transforming this House of Commons into a flabby, ineffective debating forum.

Mr. Jerome: Right on, now.

Mr. Nielsen: The forum is a flabby debating forum precisely because of that stupid collection over there, Mr. Speaker, the braying donkeys. It is a legislature which the Prime Minister barely tolerates and which he now uses as his own personal tool to accomplish his aims. This place is no longer the master, the master sits over there.

Mr. Boulanger: Don't point at me.

Mr. Nielsen: No longer does he account to Parliament for his actions.

Mr. Paproski: You may not believe it Boulanger, but wait until you get on the road.

Mr. Nielsen: Whatever the actions of his ministers, he must bear the ultimate responsibility. He is above the law, the Prime Minister who sits over there. Remember his promises? He did make a few.

Mr. Paproski: What promises?

Mr. Nielsen: One was the establishment of a just society. Another promise was to reform Parliament. Yet another was "the creative use of the law". We are certainly getting a reformation of Parliament. He has destroyed the cornerstone of the very essence of our system, the principle of accountability. The creative use of the law—he uses the law if it pleases him but if it does not please him or if he finds it inconvenient for his purposes, he ignores the law.

Mr. Hogarth: Erik, the only law you know is your mother-in-law.

Mr. Nielsen: I think the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Hogarth) could join the class of the minister responsible for the Wheat Board. They seem to be on the same intellectual level as far as the law is concerned. The Prime Minister ignores the law, safe in the knowledge that he has a sufficient number of what he has been pleased to refer to as "braying donkeys" behind him to support his decisions.

Creative use of the law indeed! He has used the law to incarcerate innocent citizens for actions which were not crimes at the time but which he made crimes in order to justify his own benevolent despotism.

Mr. Mahoney: A direct quote from the *Weekend Magazine*.

[Mr. Nielsen.]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order please, order please! Although hon. members may be enjoying this, it is the responsibility of the Chair to keep order in the House. I hope that hon. members would try as much as possible to refrain from shouting from one side to the other so that the Chair can hear what is being said.

Mr. Paproski: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think it is only fair—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski) is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Paproski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think it is only fair that people on the other side of the House should have a little more respect for the Chair. I concur with you, Sir.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair appreciates the remark from the hon. member and welcomes it. The hon. member for the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen).

Mr. Greene: Get to the point.

Mr. Nielsen: The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Greene) interjects. He tells me to speak to the point. He should have given that advice to his colleague, the minister responsible for the Wheat Board.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Nielsen: My observation to the minister is that he is a minister with very little energy left and very few resources.

Mr. Greene: It is always nice to see you in the House.

Mr. Nielsen: We have a just society, a society in which the Prime Minister is the master, a society in which he is the government, a society in which he is accountable to no one and, now, not even to Parliament. He has made a fraud of this place. But there is still one feature of our system which requires his accountability, the people and the ballot. Once every four years, by tradition, he must account for his actions at the polls.

The most frightening aspect of all these events, however, is the woeful lack of knowledge on the part of the great majority of Canadians of what exactly has happened to their system of government under this Prime Minister since 1968. No one understands this more than he does and he uses that lack of knowledge, that ignorance, just as he uses this place. If every Canadian voter could see the open contempt that he displays for this place and with which he treats it, if they could see him shrug off his obligation to account for the actions of his ministers and himself during the oral question period, if they could hear his snide comments in reply to the questions of members—but this side of his character is not known to those Canadians who do not see him here. They only see him on television, a media which he uses as he does everything else.

Mr. Boulanger: What are you doing, your own biography?