

railway, bus service, or whatever. In Ontario Grey Coach provided a bus service from Sudbury to Toronto. Grey Coach is owned by the people of Ontario through the CTC. Mr. Eddie Goodman, the flunky for Mr. Davis, made an appeal before the Ontario Transport Commission and surprisingly won for Greyhound, which is an American privately owned corporation. Thus Grey Coach has to pick up all the losing routes. The private sector in Toronto had Eddie Goodman in its back pocket.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My point of order relates generally to transportation. I think the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) has strayed somewhat from the subject. For his edification I should like to indicate to him that in Ontario matters regarding highways are decided by a quasi-judicial tribunal which is as independent as the judiciary.

Mr. Rodriguez: I recognize I hit a tender spot of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker), but the principle is there. Where a service is being provided, it seems to me government-owned transportation systems ought to take the good with the bad and not just take the bad. The amendments put forward by the Conservative party are with respect to Air Canada limiting itself to air and not becoming integrated with hotels and road transportation. If we look at the recent past, we see in a provincial jurisdiction where a publicly owned corporation was providing service on routes where it could make money, thus offsetting the cost to taxpayers of routes where it was not making money. Because of political machinations, we found the government shearing routes off to privately owned foreign corporations. It seems to me that these Tories and Grits are the same old gang.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rodriguez: They can parade around all they want, but when they run into difficulties they come to the public trough and slurp it up just like any other corporation, public or private. Really, that is the crux of the matter. Are we going to provide service to the people of Canada with our transportation systems? Are we going to say to the public corporations that they have to take the out-of-the-way routes which cannot carry themselves and we will shear off the nice cushy ones? If the private sector runs into difficulty with the nice cushy ones, it can always come back to Santa Claus and have the public treasury opened up for it. You cannot suck and blow at the same time, but that is what the Tories and Grits do all the time.

Mr. Paproski: You are the only one who can do that in this House.

Mr. Rodriguez: The hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski) has mastered that technique. Since I have come here, I have marvelled at his mastery of that technique.

Mr. Paproski: Not as well as the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez).

Air Canada

Mr. Rodriguez: Our party has persistently maintained the position that we do not mind monopolies, as long as the people of Canada own them through their elected representatives.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rodriguez: I would have enjoyed hearing the Conservatives stand up and argue that we should be breaking up the monopoly of CP Investments and that we should not have this conglomerate buying up land and becoming involved in various things, because it is destructive to free enterprise in this country. The minute one refers to breaking up the banks, the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) runs in and is their great defender. The hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) defends banks any time there is an attempt to break up the monopolies of the banks.

As I indicated, it is sucking and blowing when it is said the people-owned transportation corporations ought not to integrate themselves, but on the other hand one turns a blind eye to the conglomerates and the monolithic private sectors such as CP Investments. One only has to look at the food industry to see how free enterprise can be destroyed. I should like to refer to one example—

An hon. Member: Tell us about that next week.

Mr. Rodriguez: In the city of Sudbury there is a bakery known as Ceccuti Bakery which employs 200 people. This firm has to close because the chains are loss leading their own bread which is brought in from Toronto. The owner has to close up because he cannot compete. He is being squeezed out by the competitive pricing practices of supermarkets such as Dominion and Loblaw's which bring in their bread from southern Ontario and other places. That is another example of how free enterprise is being destroyed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his allotted time has expired.

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, it behooves members of this House to read more than one philosophy. It behooves them to evaluate the philosophies they read and to choose from the options which are in print and which are in practice what may best work in a particular psychological and philosophical situation in the society in which we live.

Having taken a look at some of the experiences which the Government of Canada and its people have experienced, as a result of following some of the philosophies of the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez), let me point out that it seems to be quite all right for a particular Crown corporation to lose \$190 million. I have not heard the hon. member criticize that, but some taxpayer somewhere is going to pick up his portion of that \$190 million.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): AECL.

Mr. McCain: Yes, AECL. The minister who was supposed to be in charge of that, the Minister of Energy, Mines and