

honest, forthright, good management government that has been given to them by the Conservative Party in Ontario for over 40 years, after the polls have closed tomorrow.

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

**Mr. Broadbent:** What have you been smoking?

**Mr. Hopkins:** Mr. Speaker, that attitude just shows that this Government is worn out after a few months.

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

#### MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT IN ELECTION

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding the Deputy Prime Minister's response, it is public knowledge that many federal Conservatives, strangely enough, are heavily involved in the Ontario election.

**Mr. Dick:** Where were you last Friday?

**Mr. Hopkins:** I am just trying to be kind to them, Mr. Speaker. Let them just settle down a bit. They are a little excited today.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Erik looks scared.

**Mr. Hopkins:** In order to eliminate any suspicion of guilt by association, will the Deputy Prime Minister instruct members of his federal caucus to dissociate themselves totally from the provincial Tories who are practising such blatant political threats, or do they, too, not believe in freedom of political association?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the political health of the country is very important. In response to a question of that nature, I would urge the Ontario members of the Liberal Party to get involved in the election campaign that is going on in their province.

**Mr. Epp (Provencher):** Like last Friday.

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

**Mr. Nielsen:** I really find it exceedingly strange when they speak today and when they did last week about the practices they are so familiar with and that all of a sudden they now find so evil and of sufficient degree to have brought forward a non-confidence motion last Friday at which their own Leader was absent, the Leader of the New Democratic Party was absent—

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Nielsen:** —and only nine of their 40 Members were here to vote on their own motion.

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame!

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

#### Oral Questions

**Mr. Nielsen:** Such hypocrisy, Sir, will be seen not only by the people of Ontario but by the entire population of the country.

**Mr. Gauthier:** You should know. You are the expert.

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

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#### PARLIAMENT

##### EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS—UNION MEMBERSHIPS

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Privy Council. Prior to the introduction yesterday of a Bill respecting employer-employee relations in the Senate and the House of Commons, an application supported by over a thousand signed union cards had been made under the Canada Labour Code for certification of those self-same employees. Will the Government consider those signed cards as valid under the new Act which the Government proposes to have passed by Parliament?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the question. I know the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain was at my press conference and was standing there with the rest of the journalists giving a standing ovation after I outlined the provisions of the new Bill to him.

This legislation provides a framework and does away with the confusion that now exists in terms of the legalities with respect to the rights of employees. For the first time it gives to employees on the Hill the ability to organize and bargain collectively. This is a progressive and modern piece of legislation, which I hope will be supported by the Hon. member and his Party.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Answer the question.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** It is one that was based upon an all-Party draft brought down last year. I hope the Hon. Member will be able to support this legislation because it is important to employees on the Hill.

**Mr. Deans:** Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, you noticed the answer to my question. I certainly didn't.

##### SIGNING OF CARDS BY EMPLOYEES

**Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the President of the Privy Council a supplementary question. The employees to whom the Minister intends to give bargaining rights have already chosen a representative. That representative has made representation under the Canada Labour Code on the right to represent these employees. Over 1,000 of them have already signed cards. Will they have to go back through the process of getting those same people to re-sign in order to comply with this somewhat undermining piece of legislation which the Government has brought forward?