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in the same product areas. I think the area of agriculture is an important domain of concurrent jurisdiction.

There are also many areas of concern to consumers which come entirely within the constitutional responsibilities of the individual province, especially those which are closely related to property and civil rights. These include the nature of contractual relationships between buyers and sellers and many of the distributorship arrangements which are made at the retail level. Provincial authority also extends to the regulation of many forms of commerce conducted on a purely local or provincial basis and to the incorporation of companies with provincial objects. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the provinces have delegated to municipalities responsibility for a variety of laws affecting the consumer interest.

I have more to say, Mr. Speaker, but I thought that in order to give some sequence to tomorrow's debate this might be a useful place for me to call it ten o'clock, if that is agreeable to hon. members.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS—INQUIRY AS TO FUNCTION

Mr. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago it was reported that Mr. David DePoe of the Company of Young Canadians made a speech at McGill University at Montreal in which he attacked the university administration. According to the report, Mr. DePoe named the McGill directors, citing their business associations, their clubs and so on, and then said the following: "It is about bloody well time students got democratic control of the universities. These corporations that support our society also support the war in Viet Nam, limit individual freedom and offer no human alternatives".

Following the report of his speech I rose in the House of Commons and asked the Prime Minister whether Mr. DePoe was carrying out his functions with the Company of Young Canadians when he made this speech.

• (10:00 p.m.)

While Mr. DePoe and others may have good grounds for criticizing the administration of

McGill and other universities, it is unacceptable that they should do so as part of their function as members of the Company of Young Canadians. I submit that they ought not to use their position with the Company of Young Canadians to seek speaking engagements such as I have referred to.

The company was founded little more than a year ago by legislation passed in this house. During the debate I spoke in favour of the bill. I, with others, envisaged the Company of Young Canadians as being similar to the peace corps, or VISTA, in the United States, or to CUSO in Canada. The purposes of the company are set out as follows in sections 14 and 15 of the act. Section 14 reads:

The objects of the Company are to support, encourage and develop programs for social, economic and community development in Canada or abroad through voluntary service.

I shall summarize section 15, which reads:

In furtherance of its objects, the Company may ...

Do the following:

- (a) engage in community development work ...
- (b) organize and carry out programs designed primarily to widen the social and economic opportunities of young people ...
- (c) organize and carry out programs to assist young people who are economically or socially handicapped ...
- (d) assist vocational training projects ...
- (e) undertake recreation programs for young people ...
- (f) undertake programs in public health ...
- (g) engage in the teaching of home economics in areas of deprivation ...
- (h) organize and carry out programs for the development of co-operative undertakings ...
- (i) organize and carry out programs to assist the peoples of other countries to raise their standards of living ...
- (j) generally do at home or abroad all such things...that would tend to further the objects of the Company.

Clearly, there is nothing in the purposes which I summarized that would allow for the type of activity which Mr. DePoe has carried on at McGill; for that matter nothing in the purposes of the legislation permits his activities in Yorkville and elsewhere. These comments might apply to the activities of other members of the Company of Young Canadians in other parts of the country.

I fully supported and still support the principle of the company, though I have been most disappointed to see some of its members behaving in a way that is completely incompatible with its purposes. Many of the company's members, and this includes Mr. DePoe, by their appearance and activities have portrayed a deplorable image of the company to