

*Time Allocation*

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** I submit that far worse than an unwarranted allegation of hypocrisy is the reflection the Deputy Government House Leader and Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader made about the occupant of the chair by talking about the occupant of the chair being distracted. I repeat, Sir, that the Chair is always on duty, it is always vigilant, and certainly when it comes to yourself, Sir, you are never distracted.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I think enough has been said. The Hon. Member for York West.

**Mr. Marchi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a great deal of respect for the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, but I am surprised that he would rise in his place. That, too, is simply another form of parliamentary closure and harassment.

Mr. Speaker, you know, as well as I do and as well as Canadians do, when you are promised something, when a Government makes a commitment, or when a Government goes across the country and says to each and every constituent, "You have a sacred trust with me, don't you worry", and then comes into Parliament and delivers another bag of goods, what that is called. If you do not like "hypocrisy", you can call it what you will, but Canadians know what the colour of this Government is.

● (1250)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. I see nothing wrong with "hypocrisy" as far as Beauséjour is concerned. Will the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi) remain in his seat, please? I see nothing wrong with the use of the word "hypocrisy" in Beauséjour's parliamentary rules, in the fifth edition.

**An Hon. Member:** Especially when it's true.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Especially the way it was used. I do not see a problem with the word "hypocrisy" at this time.

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

**Mr. Marchi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Merry Christmas to you as well. What we fail to see is that the only people who do have a problem with hypocrisy are Canadians because they were misled about the change which was promised by the Conservative Government. Hon. Members opposite can smile, but they will not be smiling for long.

We can also talk about closure. When the Government invokes closure on Bill C-74, a Bill which is to determine how Canadians elect representatives, it is really going a bit too far. We heard from previous speakers that this Government has invoked closure before, whether it be a bank Bill, a Bill dealing with senior citizens' pensions or a Bill on family allowances. The Government has tried to stifle debate. We have stood in our places and argued against that on behalf of Canadians. But when the Government comes to Parliament and tries to invoke closure on a Bill which is to determine the men and women who are going to represent Canadians in this institu-

tion, then I tell Hon. Members on the Government side that Canadians will not tolerate it. Canadians will not accept it.

Canadians have experienced better Government. They have experienced broad liberal Government.

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

**Mr. Althouse:** When?

**Mr. Angus:** Not in my lifetime they haven't.

**Mr. Marchi:** Canadians have experienced a Government which has delivered what it said it would deliver, nothing more and nothing less. Previous Governments had the responsibility and the vision to take this country exactly where it told Canadians the country would be taken. That is why—

**Mr. Lewis:** That is why you have 40 Members.

**Mr. Marchi:**—successive Liberal Parties have formed Liberal Governments on a national basis. That is why the Conservative Party has surely been a footnote or hiccup in the history of the political landscape of this country. That is the destiny of this Government.

Canadians will not tolerate or trust a leader, a Party, or a Government which invokes closure on Bills which cuts pensions when they said they would not, on Bills which affect taxes—

**An Hon. Member:** And family allowances.

**Mr. Marchi:**—and on Bills which cut family allowances, when they said they would not. The Government talks about free trade and puts everything on the table, and who knows what is under the table.

**Mr. Lapierre:** Right.

**An Hon. Member:** Call in the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney).

**Mr. Marchi:** Christmas is a time which we enjoy with our friends and families, but I would submit that in this Chamber, Christmas is also a time for Governments to reassess their position. The Government started off badly and is finishing badly. The Government is going from bad to worse, and Canadians will not tolerate this Government in office for much longer.

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

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I would like the Hon. Member to know—if I may have a word—that I was very vigilant. I have given him an extra minute and 15 seconds in order to make up for the lost time.

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join in this closure debate as we come towards the hour of one o'clock, which gives me the opportunity to continue the debate following the statements at 3.30 p.m.