

*Telesat Canada Act*

heading in the right direction, because right now we may look a little like millionaires, but we are really poor.

We want to spend \$60 million. Others want to move an amendment which would enable us to simply have only a public company, when we are in debt to the amount I just quoted. Considering those facts, would it not be preferable, until such time as we have some effective legislation forbidding contributions to electoral funds, to let private enterprise develop the system of telecommunication by satellite?

At any rate, as I have already stated, an international agreement is needed. As everyone knows, we cannot go on indefinitely accepting satellites. At the present time, a country as important as France is willing to co-operate with us. And for the English-speaking element in our country, we have the United States also willing to co-operate. Let us be realistic. The minister may rest assured that we shall do our share to promote the success of this undertaking which, in my view, is a worthwhile one. It must be remembered, however, as, in the future, education may be effected by satellite, that the province of Quebec will never accept a satellite communicating nothing but translations to the province.

The province is willing to accept a French-speaking satellite, it is also ready to accept an English-speaking one. On the receiving sets to be built, listeners will be able to choose either a French or an English station, and we shall be happy that it will always be private companies that are involved.

I would not want even the Quebec government to deal with it, in our environment.

Finally, in closing, our main concern is the fact that the Socialists who have asked that a government agency solve their problem—as I referred to that earlier—may not have considered that the C.B.C. has not always provided us with the services we need.

Lately, I have also analysed a problem which, in my opinion, is rather serious in England. At the present time some Quebecers build prefab houses, export them to England and succeed in competing with the prices offered by the Socialists in Canada who have put the field of construction under government control.

Faced with such obvious facts, why should we ask for a government corporation when private enterprise, in the field of construction in Canada at the present time, in spite of all the difficulties and all the requests made here and there to improve the housing situation,

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still manages to build and to send overseas prefab houses at a better price than under state control building scheme in England.

This is one of the reasons why we cannot be in favour of this amendment and in the contrary, as I said earlier, we will agree to co-operate, so that we might be able to set up as soon as possible that telecommunication service which, no doubt, will be satisfactory, especially if we follow all the advice of the people of goodwill which is available to us nowadays.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I should like everyone in Canada, apart from the election fund, to receive his due share of a telecommunication corporation so that tomorrow the homeland will be saved before the party, so that the living will receive the same services as the scientists, and so that finally the Canadian people will progress among two cultures, making it possible for telecommunication satellites to broadcast in England and in French, so that our children will not have to live through the squabbles experienced by Canadians of goodwill.

[English]

**Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the previous speaker from the Ralliement Cr ditiste has failed to support the amendment of the hon. member for Waterloo (Mr. Saltsman). I think that the reason he and the members of his party have been elected to this house is the failure, certainly in the area from which he comes, of the kind of private enterprise he so glowingly lauds to meet the problems of the people he represents.

I should like to support the amendment. I think we should be very pleased that we are embarking on this very interesting and glamorous space age project. I have some criticisms to make. While I am going through them some hon. members may wonder why I am supporting the amendment at all, but I think it is important that we bring up a number of matters here. I believe that we are starting on a project of extreme significance to our future and I think that the purpose of our being here is to examine all the angles and try to ascertain the best kind of structure for Canadians in the future.

I hope that in the case of Telesat the Canadian people will not be asked first to pay \$30 million and then to provide up to \$40 million for social and political objectives which we have failed to meet by other means. We are always doing the same thing for social and political reasons. Instances such as the