Time Allocation

Mr. Crosbie: Parkdale-High Park. He was praising CN. He said. "Look at the money CN has made". Mr. Speaker, it is to laugh. I distinctly remember that, since I came to the House eight years ago, we have forgiven CN the obligation of repaying hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars in interest payments. The only reason that CN can now pretend it is making a profit is that it was relieved by the House of the responsibility to pay back hundreds of millions of dollars in principal and interest. Anyone could make money if the debts they owed were removed from them, as the CDIC now suggests should be done in the case of Canadair. In a year's time we will have the scoundrels telling us that Canadair is making money, because they will have removed from Canadair billions of dollars in debts and interest payments and left it with its assets. We will have these fools, these rogues, these scalliwags who are now forcing this Bill through the House, telling us in one or two years' time that Canadair has made money.

• (1710)

We need birth control for Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker. We need a system of contraception for Crown corporations so that they cannot spring up whenever someone in the Government gets a fantastic idea to inseminate a new Crown corporation. We need some method of automatic birth control, which this Bill does not provide. Under this Bill, once you have a Crown corporation it can spawn another dozen without coming back to the House. That is one of the weaknesses of this Bill. We want a Bill which will provide foolproof methods of birth control over the spawning of other Crown corporations.

VIA Rail is another example, Mr. Speaker. We have not yet had legislation before the House to establish VIA Rail or to lay down its guidelines. It is spending hundreds of millions of dollars and losing it. This is another example of the escape of responsibility of the Government.

The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) was here earlier. He is a fuzzy-minded socialist. He is even more to the left than our friend, the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway. The other day, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) asked whether we would prefer a French socialist to a Canadian Liberal as Secretary General of the OECD. Of course, the answer is yes. The French socialist would be far less likely to intervene in the economic conduct of society than would a Canadian Liberal. We would far rather have a French socialist than the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) as Secretary General of the OECD. We would sooner have anyone. We do not want a failed Canadian Minister of Finance heading up that international organization.

The Minister of Finance has a Crown corporation called Fishery Products International Limited in Newfoundland. The Leader of the Liberal Party in Newfoundland has described our Minister of Fisheries and Oceans as a liar. I have never heard of this happening before, Mr. Speaker, and I do not know what it has to do with Crown corporations. "De Bané lied to shield Tory, top Liberal says". Mr. Neary is the top Liberal in Newfoundland. He is the Leader of the Opposition.

I will quote from an article in the March 16 issue of *The Globe and Mail*. It says:

Mr. Neary, during a dispute with Fisheries Minister James Morgan, said federal Fisheries Minister Pierre De Bané was a liar for denying publicly that Mr. Morgan had cried during talks leading up to the creation of the new super fish company in Newfoundland.

That is apparently where forming Crown corporations leads one. The Minister of Fisheries has taken over Fishery Products International—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being 5.15 p.m., the two hours provided for the consideration of the motion now before the House under the provisions of Standing Order 82 have expired.

[Translation]

It is therefore my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion.

[English]

The motion is the following. Mr. Gray moves that, in relation to Bill C-24, an Act to amend the Financial Administration Act in relation to Crown corporations and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, one additional sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of the second reading stage of the Bill; and that 15 minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government business on that day, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of that stage shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion, the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Gray) which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1720)

(Division No. 40)

YEAS

Messrs

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