

Company of Young Canadians Act

• (3:30 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS ACT**PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
COMPTROLLER

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State) moved that Bill C-171, to amend the Company of Young Canadians Act, be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. Stan Schumacher (Palliser): Mr. Speaker, I refrained from participating in the previous stages of debate on this bill in the hope that it would be improved during the process. There has been some improvement by the imposition of a time limit corresponding with the period for which funds have already been voted. I also refrained because I felt there should not be an undue delay in resolving the serious problem we are facing today, which has arisen mainly as the result of a lot of people doing a lot of pipe-dreaming, and this includes people of every political persuasion. This pipe-dreaming occurred three or four years ago.

However, I must say that this bill remains, like the committee report, a second-rate solution to the problem of the CYC. It can best be described as a lame brain idea and appears to be based on the same type of thinking which underlies the philosophy which used to be promoted in my province of Alberta by the Social Credit party, to the effect that whatever is socially desirable ought to be fiscally possible. In the CYC, the thinking seems to be that whatever is socially desirable ought to be legislatively possible.

Let us be done with this pipe-dream and recognize that it would be folly to continue on the path we have been following. It is not my intention to catalogue the sins of the company, as has already been done by many hon. members. My plea is for the government to face facts and resist the type of pleas put forward by the hon. member for York South yesterday, which is for the continued subsidization by the taxpayers of revolution in this country.

Listening to the hon. member for York South it was clear to me that his aims today are not any different from the aims of his party back in the days of the Regina manifesto. My fear, Mr. Speaker, is that they are also not so different from those of the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) when he was actively involved in the politics of his province. No

was not the point. It just happened that the National Film Board people came from Montreal, and were very involved in problems with the minister. There were some questions yesterday, but you were not submerged in questions about the Film Board. In fact you did not get any questions about the Film Board yesterday because the minister was not here.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am not sure whether there were questions yesterday. It was my impression that there had been. But in any event, tomorrow is another day and we will try to have more questions on that very important subject.

Mr. Nowlan: On that point—

Mr. Speaker: I know the hon. member may want to tell us that the Secretary of State will not be here tomorrow, but let us hope he will be here soon.

Mr. Bell: That is the trouble with the whole question period.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I want to say a word with regard to the point of order raised by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley. We all recognize the problem which faces Your Honour and we think you handle it with great dispatch and fairness. The difficulty is that there are questions which arise which need a number of supplementary questions. In the case of the National Film Board the need for supplementaries could have been avoided if the Secretary of State had made the statement on motions which he promised some time ago. If he would make a statement with reference to the National Film Board tomorrow it would save hon. members trying to ask a great many supplementaries, and it would save Your Honour from trying to keep a very difficult situation in hand.

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Athabasca rising on a point of order?

Mr. Yewchuk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. After the exchanges which have taken place between yourself and the hon. member speaking before me I want to express my concern for your health. I am saying this because I want to save you some work. I want to indicate to you that I am prepared to answer the question from the hon. member for Peace River at this time.

Mr. Speaker: I should thank the hon. member for his assistance, and I will again call Orders of the Day.