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that information. The Government has denied that information to me, our Party, the House and the public.

That information is important. It will show that the Government has for the past three years been consistently using job-creation funds for its own political purposes. That is why it is unwilling to provide the information fifteen months later. That is why in the past few weeks we have again been trying to get information on the new Liberal patronage job-creation fund.

I would like to use one case in point, Mr. Speaker. On December 8, 1983 a press release was issued. It said: "Mrs. Ursula Appolloni announces \$230,000 grant for Covenant House". In that press release Ursula Appolloni, the Member for York-South Western, announced that she had secured \$230,000 for Covenant House in Toronto. Mr. Speaker, Covenant House is in the riding of Rosedale, which riding I represent. The grant was made to the Toronto Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church. I know the people there very well and I phoned them the other day. I asked when it was that Mrs. Appolloni, the Member for York South-Weston—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Order. This is the second time the Hon. Member has referred to another Member of the House by name. Will he refer to the Member by her riding?

● (1240)

**Mr. Crombie:** Mr. Speaker, I was using the press release put out by the Hon. Member and it refers to "Mrs. Ursula Appolloni".

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** If I may say so, that is no explanation. Beauchesne is very clear that quoting a document that is unparliamentary does not make the quote more parliamentary. It must be adapted to the procedures of the House.

**Mr. Crombie:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The importance of this is that yesterday in the House the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) indicated quite clearly that the criteria were prepared "a bit before Christmas". The Hon. Member for York South-Weston (Mrs. Appolloni) had been negotiating with the Toronto Archdiocese since late October in order to give them funding of \$230,000. Throughout that time I was with the Minister's officials in Toronto on three occasions, October 14, November 4 and December 3, negotiating for some 32 projects under Canada Works and Section 38. Throughout all that time the Minister's officials did not mention at all that any funding was available through some other fund in the Minister's care. This morning I telephoned the Minister's officials and asked them if at any time during the time I had been negotiating for funding for 32 projects in my riding they had any knowledge of the Minister's fund. The answer was no. I then asked when they found out about the Minister's fund. They said not until late January. These are the Minister's officials.

What I and the people of my riding want to know is, while I am negotiating on their behalf with the Minister's officials, who have no knowledge of any other job-creation fund and no criteria for any other fund, how is it that the Hon. Member for York South-Weston can go into my riding, and presumably any other riding, and negotiate a project with a particular group? What does that mean to representative government?

The Hon. Member for York South-Weston is not the Member for Rosedale. During the time I am negotiating 32 projects on behalf of my constituents, the Hon. Member for York South-Weston walks in and spends \$230,000 on one project.

The projects I am talking about are not small items, Mr. Speaker. I am talking about the *North Jarvis Community Newspaper*, the Open Door Centre Self Help projects, project Outreach, and I have a proposal for job creation in Regent Park.

Is it any wonder that people are becoming cynical? They smell corruption. That is the shortest word I know and that is what it is. It is a shame that the Minister of Employment and Immigration will not understand what he is doing.

**Mr. McGrath:** He is not even in the House.

**Mr. Crombie:** It is one thing to talk about Liberal members getting money early for projects in their own ridings, which is bad enough; it is not fair, it is not right and it is not honest, but they have been doing it for so long that people have come to expect it. What is different about this is that they are not just loading up patronage in their own ridings but in ridings held by others. A Liberal did not get elected in the riding of Rosedale; I was elected in the riding of Rosedale. I work very hard for those people and when I am negotiating with the Minister's officials, they are ignorant, as I am, of the fact that the Minister allows the Hon. Member for York South-Weston to negotiate a project in my riding.

I do not know what the Government intends to do about this. I do not know what the Minister of Employment and Immigration, who comes from Metropolitan Toronto, intends to do with it. But I can tell you that there is a smell that the people in Metropolitan Toronto recognize. It is even worse than the ancient smell of Liberal patronage and Liberal corruption. The Liberals now think that they do not even have to get elected in order to run the Government—they just have to know the Minister. They do not even have to go through the criteria like everyone else, apply like everybody else or go through some public process of the normal democratic system; all they have to do is know the Minister. When we come to the stage we have now, Mr. Speaker, the people in the country know that it is time for the Government to go.

The Minister of Employment and Immigration should resign, Mr. Speaker. There is no longer a shred of credibility in anything he has to say. We have a minister of the Crown who says that the criteria for his program were not developed until a bit before Christmas, yet he has a member of the Liberal caucus negotiating with someone in my riding in