

which it represents for our country, not to rely on the equivalent of a political Kellogg's cornflakes routine to sell something as important as the Constitution. Indeed, we should not be selling the Constitution at this stage because so much remains to be done. What we should be doing is carrying on the debate about further changes that are needed to make the House of Commons more relevant and representative, to give voice to the legitimate perceptions of the regions of Canada that they do not have enough clout at the centre.

We should get on with reform of the Senate, change it from being a sort of lawn bowling club, making it more politically viable and representative. These are the sorts of things to which the government should give its attention. It should also give attention to the way it now spends money on advertising. That money could be put in the hands of the 75 per cent of Canadian women over the age of 65 who now live below the poverty line. That is one example of what could be done with the money rather than spending it in this way.

There is the other issue of secrecy. Not only do they conduct polls, but they keep the information to themselves, releasing them after they are out of date so that they are of no use to anyone but themselves. That is what happened to the polls on the Constitution. It is what you call Liberal generosity. They give out the information after it is of no more use. This is just part of the whole cloud of secrecy which hangs over the Canadian government and our whole political process.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his allotted time has expired.

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## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

### SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Cyr)—Hazardous substances—Inquiry whether government will aid Gaspé ureaformaldehyde foam insulation victims; the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields)—National Energy Program—Alsands project—tax and royalty structures; the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro)—External Affairs—French claims to St. Pierre and Miquelon.

## Supply

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

#### BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

##### ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Beatty:

That this House condemns the government for its increasing use of Canadian taxpayers' dollars for self-serving advertising and public opinion surveying, and in particular, for spending millions of tax dollars for unnecessary advertising at a time when it demands financial sacrifices from ordinary Canadians.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** The hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington). Order. Usually we alternate from opposition to government benches. I was given a name. The hon. member was standing. I will recognize the hon. member for Welland (Mr. Parent).

• (1630)

I just want to correct something, with the permission of the House. If I do recognize the hon. member for Capilano, I want the house to know that the Chair will have the liberty, and will take the liberty, to recognize one, two, three or four members of the same party—from the government benches or from the opposition. I wish to explain that we always have gone alternately from government benches to opposition benches. In following that tradition I would have to go to the hon. member for Welland. I did recognize the hon. member for Capilano. If the House thinks, and if the hon. member thinks, that he should be recognized now, that will be breaking the tradition. I want the House to know that then the Chair will feel free to recognize two, three, four, five members in a row from the opposition or from the government benches. I leave that in your hands. I do recognize the hon. member for Capilano.

**Mr. Huntington:** Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that it is a hard and fast rule that the speakers alternate in the way you have described. However, if it is your wish to recognize the second Liberal member in this debate—the minister has spoken—as long as I am recognized following him, I will yield.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** You will be recognized following him. The hon. member for Welland.

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland):** Mr. Speaker, I thank you for recognizing me; and I thank the hon. member for recognizing that which we have considered to be a tradition for some time, to recognize speakers from side to side.

I find it somewhat, if not amusing, at least strange that the hon. member who preceded me from the New Democratic Party is belittling the fact that the Government of Canada, which represents all the people of Canada, should take its time, talent and money to let the people of Canada know exactly what it is doing in different programs. That is especially so, Mr. Speaker, when I see in the Ottawa *Citizen* of May 1, 1982, an article written by Mr. Bert Hill, *The Citizen* staff writer: