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SPORTS

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE—GREY CUP WON BY HAMILTON
TIGER-CATS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I know that you would not want me to break the Standing Orders, nor would the Hon. Member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski), nor would the Hon. Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata), by congratulating the Tiger-Cats. I will not break the Standing Orders.

● (1405)

It was a great weekend for Liberals. It was a great weekend for Canadians. Most of all, it was a great weekend for the people of Hamilton.

I just happen to have a hat which I will not wear in the House because it is again a violation of the Standing Orders. However, I plan to deliver it personally on a red Liberal platter to the Hon. Member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski) who has promised to eat it as his part of losing our bet. The weekend shows Canadians that the greatest team in football is the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the greatest come-back team in politics is the John Turner Liberal team.

Oskee wee wee.

Oskee wa wa.

Holy Mackinaw

Tigers and Turner eat 'em raw!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I know Hon. Members will understand, as Speaker, and being from the west, that I had to get this over with.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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THE SENATE

CALL FOR REFORM

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, it is time for Senate reform. Canadians from all regions are tired of an appointed Senate being able to block the legislation of those elected to represent them in Ottawa, the Hon. Members of this House of Commons.

Canada being a confederation of provinces, regional interests must be represented effectively in Ottawa on an equal basis. Therefore, Senate reform which would include elected Senators equal in number from each province would remedy

the feeling of alienation that eastern and western Canadians have toward Ottawa. Only then would they become equal partners in the decision-making process taking place in Ottawa. I urge the Government to seize the opportunity for constitutional negotiations with the provinces and bring in an elected, equal, and effective Senate.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

JAILING OF NEWFOUNDLAND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
LEADER

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the courts in Newfoundland have chosen to jail Peter Fenwick, the provincial Leader of the NDP, for two months. His crime was to walk a picket line with workers in Newfoundland.

Members of the Legislature, like Members of Parliament, are elected in a free and democratic process by Canadians who put their trust in them. The duty of elected leaders is to challenge society to make changes seen to be in the best interest of the men, women and children they represent. In our society judges are appointed by the Government in power. The police who lay the charges and the Crown attorneys who prosecute them are directed to do so by the Government in power. Courts are held in respect only so long as justice is done and seen to be done.

Peter Fenwick walked the picket line for 15 minutes before his arrest. For that he will spend two months in jail. Surely this is unjust in a free and democratic—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Hon. Members will realize that it is often the obligation of Members to criticize a law, but it is equally an obligation not to attack the—

[And the Leader of the Opposition having entered the Chamber.]

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) has just entered the Chamber and received a courteous and warm response which the Speaker joins in extending to him.

As I was saying a moment ago to the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton), it is often the obligation of Members of Parliament to criticize a law. However, Members also realize it is not their place to castigate a court or judge or the decision rendered under a law. The Hon. Member has made his point.