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place. But when I see a young one like the previous speaker arguing for the retention of the Senate, I am wondering if he does not have somebody to switch him there, if you will pardon the expression.

Mr. Speaker, even if someone wanted to send me there, I would not go, because I am too active in life. I want to keep my freedom and, at the age of 55 or 60, I want to be home, peacefully watching over my business; that is all. I do not want to lose valuable time in the Senate.

For all those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I strongly support Bill C-18, like all members of my party.

I do not wish to speak any longer, because I realize we have only three minutes left and I ask all hon. members to take the vote on this bill.

[English]

Mr. Grant Deachman (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have the opportunity of talking out this bill this evening because had I not risen in my place to see this bill through six o'clock, the Senate I am sure would no longer have existed on the morrow. I certainly hope that my party and my Prime Minister will see fit to reward me for this service to the other place in a way in which they would not otherwise be able to reward me had I chosen to stay in my place.

I want to say that the argument of my hon. friend, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) was ably presented in this house, but being an abolitionist, it appears he also wishes to abolish the Senate. I commend to him that he look again at the old institution, so that when this bill is again reached in the order of public bills, we can debate this question perhaps a little differently.

Also, there are in the library some good books about the Senate. I commend to the hon. member the use of the library. I see him there often. I commend to him a book entitled: "The Modern Senate of Canada", by F. A. Kunz, published by the University of Toronto Press. I commend to him page 368 particularly. Also, in that book he will find many anecdotes, incidents and references respecting the old members of the old C.C.F. and New Democratic Party which have sat in the house over the course of the years. In the book are given pages of *Hansard*.

An hon. Member: Six o'clock.

Mr. Deachman: Had I been going to speak longer on the subject I should have brought with me stories going back to 1926 with which to regale the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hour for consideration of private members' business has now expired.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
