

Procedure and Organization

The latter would provide useful hints on the unwisdom of being crudely provocative with people whose co-operation may be useful or even necessary at a later juncture.

That editorial in the *Halifax Herald* of July 14 will be available in my office as recommended reading for any Liberal member. I will go further and have copies made for distribution among them.

This proposed rule, Mr. Speaker, is an actual desertion from what the government has called participatory democracy. It removes the opportunity for all members of parliament to fully discuss legislation which may come before this house. What is happening to the just society? Who are we participating with and on what? Does the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) measure up to his promise when he comes into the house for the question period and then runs to his shelter? Are we participating with him? Are we participating with the cabinet when they are under orders to follow a roster system which keeps them out of the house, despite the fact they are elected members and first and foremost are responsible for representing their constituencies? It was evident, during recent months, that one cabinet minister who wished to come into the house to reply to a question was denied that opportunity because the roster which the Prime Minister established did not permit him to be present on that particular day. This is a shameful approach by a government which says, all will participate in this democracy.

This debate is another demonstration of the incompetence and stupidity of the government. First of all the government dictator proposed that 75c be put into the committee report. The Prime Minister dictated to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald). The President of the Privy Council dictated to the Liberal majority on the committee. When the report was placed before the house, it was clear the government had painted itself into a corner. Proposed rule 75B was ambiguous. Rule 75B could deliver the government into the hands of a united opposition and this, of course, could not be tolerated by this arrogant government. Even when the President of the Privy Council was in a position to dictate the report, he was too stupid to dictate it correctly.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacInnis: I hear interjections and objections from the other side, Mr. Speaker. I remind these hon. members that the adjective

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond).]

I used was the one introduced into this house by the Prime Minister, and there should be nothing wrong with quoting this Prime Minister. Any hon. member of the government can say I am wrong. If they do, I am perfectly willing to sit down to hear their objections to a word which their leader, the Prime Minister, introduced into this parliament.

When they realized their mistake, the government brought in their own motion to rectify it. In doing so, the President of the Privy Council made a government tool of the committee chairman, the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Blair). There was going to be a motion of censure of the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton moved from this side. I can assure you the motion would have been debated for some time. If the hon. member had the intestinal fortitude, he would resign as committee chairman.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. MacInnis: The hon. member is probably following the same line as that taken by the other great parliamentarian, the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) who, as the chairman of the defence committee, brought into this house a falsified report of what took place in the committee. What he said in committee is recorded, as well as his absolute departure from the truth when he reported to the house. If anyone cares to object to that statement regarding the lies he brought back from committee, they can find the basis for my statement in *Hansard*.

The President of the Privy Council allowed his motion to stand, and we are now back to the committee report. On Friday the President of the Privy Council tried to patch up his original mistake. He had the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra move a subamendment. I think this was another mistake on his part. This subamendment was ruled out of order. The President of the Privy Council is so stupid that he cannot even draft an amendment which is in order. Out of all the huge staff hired to build the Prime Minister's empire in the East Block, they cannot find a man who can draft an amendment that will be acceptable to the Chair. Talk about stupidity! The President of the Privy Council can now be called, "The minister of stupidity". He was even too stupid to keep a quorum in the house.

If this government is interested in saving time, it would be well advised to drop some of the stupid approaches it has taken under