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**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the house would give me time to conclude my remarks?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Has the hon. member unanimous consent to continue beyond his allotted time?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I am sorry; there are dissenting voices.

**Mr. Churchill:** The Liberals have objected.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, because the Liberals have objected I am not going to conclude my speech—

**Mr. Habel:** You have said enough.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** —but I will conclude it some other day.

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Speaker, may I be permitted to point out that it is not in order for an hon. member to try to represent that he is denied the right to speak when he has taken his full time, has asked for unanimous consent to continue and it is not given to him. I do not know why it is not given him, but it is surely not in order for him to abuse rules which have been on the books of this house for a long time by saying for the record that some party in the house has objected to his finishing or cut him off.

**Mr. Danforth:** That is the fact.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I doubt very much whether there is a point of order in what has been said by the minister. In any event the hon. member's time has expired. We all appreciate that unanimous consent is required before he can continue, and it was not forthcoming. Therefore I have no alternative but to recognize the next speaker.

The hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche (Mr. Chrétien).

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jean Chrétien (St. Maurice-Lafèche):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Muir) referred to the member for St. Maurice-Lafèche as a young man. I am proud to be a young man and I will tell him that I am a member of parliament, just like him, and that in my riding 37,000 votes were cast against 19,000 in his.

A second point, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member made a disparaging remark about bilingualism because I pointed out a fact that I deemed important, namely that the matter was included in the platform of the Liberal party in 1962-63.

I am proud to say I am a better Canadian than he is for being able to speak both languages.

**Mr. Vincent:** Mr. Speaker, on the question of privilege I am of the opinion that the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Muir) did not make any allusion to the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche. If the latter feels that the shoe fits, let him wear it but he should not say that the hon. member for Lisgar was referring to him, because that is not so.

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**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I think I should be given an opportunity to express an opinion whether there is a question of privilege here. In my opinion there is not. There were no unparliamentary expressions used by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Muir) and I do not think that the point raised by the hon. member for St. Maurice-Lafèche (Mr. Chrétien) is well taken.

**Mr. G. D. Clancy (Yorkton):** Mr. Speaker, it is always a privilege to speak in this house, but it is not one I appreciate at this time because I feel we are doing a disservice to the nation. I feel this very deeply, and as a member representing a constituency I can express personal feelings as well as some of the feelings of my constituents. I think that this debate should never have taken place.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Clancy:** Hon. members may laugh but let me tell them this. I am going to vote against the amendment for a plebiscite. I do so for one reason only. I am a Canadian. I know the bitterness which has resulted from former plebiscites. I do not care whether one comes from Vancouver island or Saskatchewan, we are all Canadians.

I cannot understand the way in which the government has introduced the flag resolution. It is not of so much national importance; a great deal more business remains to be done. Sitting in the opposition I can frankly say that I think it is a political gimmick. I have been looking through the guide to see where each member of the house comes from. I do not think this is the type of matter which should be made a political issue.

I am as proud as any man in this house. I am proud of my ancestors and I am proud of my background. I give every other member of the house the same right to have pride. But I do not think we should take our time having something—I was going to use an unparliamentary expression, but I will say