

ency assistants are also working on the problems of Scarborough Centre.

I would like to point out that I am in support of the amendment for a number of reasons. Being an ethnic myself, I have seen this bill, and after reading it very closely and seeing some of the members in action outside the House, basically and practically, the 21 directors will be political appointees. The 21 directors will be fulfilled by Tory supporters. The 21 directors will be fulfilled by who the government wants to place.

We have seen clearly that the government, beyond any doubt, uses its power to fulfil and do whatever it wants. It appointed eight senators only last week where clearly the people of the country do not want the GST. They have put the boots. This government, beyond any shadow of any doubt, will use these 21 appointments as political candies to some political hacks—

Mr. Milliken: You mean these hacks? Shame.

Mr. Karygiannis: —for some leaders of ethnic communities who have no respect whatsoever—

Mrs. Browes: You're insulting people.

Mr. Karygiannis: Oh, my colleague from Scarborough Centre said I am insulting. Well, I am glad she is saying that because I am an ethnic and I know that the political appointments of the government from the ethnic communities are real shameful.

Mr. Hudon: No, sir.

Mr. Karygiannis: Oh, there is that—well, here we go. They are saying no, sir. Well, Madam Speaker, I can speak to you from firsthand experience.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Karygiannis: The government and the Minister of Justice on that side say they were not Tories and now they are going to become Tories. Really, Madam Speaker. This just makes me want to jump to the ceiling. I know it is very far up, but the past record of this government sometimes makes me feel ashamed to say that I a Canadian with strong ethnic roots. The government is using the ethnics as lollipops and that is what they are going to do out in Edmonton—

An hon. member: And it's going to cost them.

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Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre): Let's talk about the leadership campaign.

Mr. Karygiannis: Oh, the Minister of Justice says: "Let's talk about the leadership campaign." And I am glad she said that because the ethnics of Ontario and the country clearly supported the Liberal Party during the leadership campaign, and they were so ashamed.

I met people in Sarnia. I met people in Windsor. I had the opportunity to travel the great province of Ontario and person after person told me that what the members across are trying to do was so shameful that it is incredible. They want to stick out a political lollipop in front of the ethnics and it is shameful. Therefore, I have no alternative but to support the amendment.

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Madam Speaker, in addressing the amendment now being debated, I want to speak very briefly on it and say only two things. I want to note the great participation of members from the great city of Scarborough here today.

The mechanism that has been proposed by this amendment is a commendable one and one that conceptually has been addressed by no less than the Prime Minister himself in considering the issue of prospective appointments to the Senate. The mechanism was referred to in the Meech Lake Accord and it involves nominations or appointments by the government from a list supplied by, if I can use the term, the client group.

I cannot think of a better mechanism which would both purge any appearance of patronage that might be there in any particular appointment and at the same time serve to democratize further or bring the level of appointment making back toward the street, back to the people, the client group, who have need of the organization. For those two reasons I am in support of this amendment.

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I also support the amendment by my colleague from Vancouver Centre and I think it is—

Ms. Mitchell: Vancouver East.

Mr. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Vancouver East, sorry. I thought Vancouver Centre would be wise enough to support it but I may be wrong.