

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order please. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Continue.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the hon. member to continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rose: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I shall conclude my remarks rapidly. In any event, this is the position in which we find ourselves in the last third of the twentieth century. Our major publicly supported institutions of culture and learning run the real risk of being dominated by foreigners. Skilled young men and women who have been educated by the state and whose efforts have been buttressed by scrimping and sacrificing parents run a real risk of being denied employment in their own Canadian institutions.

Some may argue that the particularities of the Canadian environment are so insignificant and unimportant that they do not merit serious, scholarly attention by anyone. With this attitude I disagree. Many Canadians I believe are becoming increasingly aware that the much vaunted materialistic way of life of that great nation contiguous to ours is not what they want at all. Most Canadians and many United States citizens are beginning to reject the conformist approach adopted to the solution of all problems in that country. They reject the concept of poverty amid plenty, the idea of big city strife and the resulting racist and college unrest. These people want something that is unique and different and look to Canada for what they want. If we do not reverse the trend that allows a growing number of our publications, broadcasting facilities, universities and art productions to fall into the hands of non-Canadians, how can we be distinguished from our neighbours to the south? Our French-speaking Canadians will soon be the only people who will enable others to distinguish between us and our neighbours to the south. This French fact is, in my opinion, our major defence against our becoming carbon copies of the people of the United States and I for one cherish this defence which will prevent our being swallowed completely.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I understand the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Leblanc) would like to revert to routine proceedings for the purpose of tabling a report. Is there unanimous agreement for this?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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Foreign Control of Canadian Industries

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES

NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—TAKEOVERS OF CANADIAN RESOURCES, INDUSTRIES AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BY FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Lewis.

Mr. E. B. Osler (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to make some brief remarks and if hon. members will be kind enough not to call it six o'clock until the clock is actually pointing to that hour I think I can finish what I have to say. Although the New Democratic Party has shown justifiable concern about the problem it has alluded to, I think it has overstated its case. The motion before us now reads in part:

—the failure of the government to...prevent further takeovers...by foreign corporations,—

I want to know how we are to prevent takeovers by foreign corporations if Canadians themselves do nothing about these takeovers? I am convinced that nobody in western Canada is the least bit interested in knowing from where our capital comes. They do not care who owns the capital; all they want is to see our industries and resources developed. Years and years ago, and I am certain my hon. friend from Calgary will support me in my contention, although everyone in the west knew that we had a potential oil industry in our area we could not get it developed. You could go east on the train and approach the moguls in the halls of commerce of Montreal or Toronto hat in hand and get absolutely nowhere. Not until U.S. corporations invested money and built up our oil industry was anyone truly aware of that