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Nystrom) was hearkening back to 1970 and the War Measures Act. Now he is hearkening back to 1984. When will the NDP stand up on its own policies and stop talking about something that happened almost 20 years ago? I could probably drag up something that Aggie McPhail did, and I will if that makes him feel any better. We are talking about 1988, our plans for the future and what we will do when we form a government. I wish the NDP would take the same positive approach, instead of talking about things that happened 20 years ago which I think most people would like to bury, if not forget.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member was talking about 1984 and the export of arms and other military equipment to Third World countries. I would like to ask her whether or not a few years ago, when she was a member of the Ontario Legislature, she condemned the Liberal Government of 1980-1984 for increasing the export of military equipment to Chile, Taiwan, Paraguay and other countries like that which do not exactly have democratic Governments? After all, it was the Liberal Government that increased the export of military equipment to Chile. It seems to me the Hon. Member will want to get up and say that was wrong as well.

I admired her answer when she said in the dying days of the Trudeau Government that she disagreed with some of the things that were done. Unfortunately, the current Government kept on doing some of those things, like patronage, and dropping institutions into ridings according to political preference, and moving a prison to the riding of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), and all these last minute announcements, buying people's votes with their own money. I think those are the politics of the 1930s and they should have been gone in the 1930s, and I am very pleased the Hon. Member is getting up and saying quite frankly that she did not like what happened in the last days of the Trudeau Government and the dying days of Liberalism.

In the name of consistency, openness, honesty and integrity, will she now stand up and condemn her Liberal colleagues for the export of military equipment to Chile, Taiwan and many other countries with governments which we in this country think are reprehensible?

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, I would rather talk about more recent events. I am willing to recant if the Hon. Member is willing to recant for his two pork-barrelling colleagues, such as Ian Deans, the triple dipper, the great socialist from Hamilton Mountain, despised Brian Mulroney one day and loved him the next after being offered a \$95,000 a year job. Is he willing to recant? Is he willing to condemn his colleague—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I think we are moving away from the Senate amendments.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, I am willing to consider a response to the Hon. Member's question on arms if he is willing to agree with me that his former provincial Leader in Ontario did an absolute flip-flop. The Hon. Stephen Lewis one moment was completely against the federal Government and could not

stand anything it was doing, until it offered him a cushy job in New York. He took it and sang the Government's praises for four years until the day he was about to leave the job and then started dumping on it.

The Hon. Member should not lecture me and the Liberal Party about humanity and consistency because a couple of his colleagues have a little bit to learn about that as well and I am not going to take that from him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Rideau Hall,

September 30, 1988

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable John Sopinka, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber today, the 30th day of September, 1988, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Yours sincerely,
Anthony P. Smythe,
Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to order adopted earlier today, the sitting is suspended until the call of the Chair.

At 5.27 p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.

• (1810)

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 6.06 p.m.

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[Translation]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable Senate.