

I see you, Mr. Speaker, signalling that my time has come to an end. I had much more to say of great interest and importance. Perhaps the next time we have a debate on time allocation, which I am sure will happen because of the mindless opposition of hon. gentlemen and ladies opposite, I will continue with my additional important observations.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I regret that the Hon. Member's time has expired. The Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi).

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Boudria:** Now let us hear a real speech.

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member who spoke before me tried to speak quietly and passionately and tried to speak about parliamentary reform in the Chamber. However, those words will not hide what the Government is attempting to do. The Government is attempting to crush parliamentary debate in this Chamber. I feel a responsibility, before the Tory closure axe falls once again on this Chamber, to rise in my place and to speak, not necessarily to Bill C-74, but to why the Government is once again introducing closure.

In September, 1984, Canadians elected a Government. Notwithstanding the fact that I felt Canadians certainly understood what they elected, the fact was that they had an absolute majority in the House and that it was inconceivable for any opposition Party to win any votes. We accepted that because we accepted the verdict of Canadians that September. What we do accept and what Canadians did expect, even though we might not be able to win a vote, is that we should have the opportunity, the obligation and the right to be able to speak. We should have the right to be able to debate. We should be able to articulate the aspirations, the problems, the difficulties and the feelings of Canadians from coast to coast.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Marchi:** That is why we are here. Each of us, all 282 Members of Parliament, represent a constituency. Everyone, whether he or she is in Cabinet or not, is on an equal footing because we each represent constituents. When the Government says that it has had enough and that it will move closure, it is in fact telling Canadians that we do not want to hear any more, that somehow we have made up our minds, that somehow we have conducted a poll and we know what is best. That is not parliamentary democracy. We in this Chamber are a vehicle for Canada. We are not here in isolation. That is the problem with the Government—isolation, isolation from the people who live on the streets of the country. They are isolated from those aspirations. That is why the polls are going down. They have seen nothing yet because it is a bottomless pit. We will see in 1987 and 1988 the bottom of that pit.

It goes to the heart of parliamentary democracy. Closure, very vividly and very boldly, once again shows Canadians another broken promise of the Government. It was the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), the Leader of the Conservative

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Government, who went from coast to coast and said: "You elect us, and you elect an accessible Government. You elect us, and we will give you an open Government. You elect us, and we will give you a Parliament which will work on behalf of you, on behalf of every single Canadian. You elect us, and we will be able to reform Parliament to meet your aspirations". Canadians are asking: "What happened on the way to Parliament Hill? What happened to those promises? What happened to those commitments which he made across the country?" Then he has the audacity to stand in his place and say that the Hon. Member from his Party did such a great job in trying to introduce parliamentary reform, on the one hand, and introduces closure, on the other hand, for the sixth or seventh time. If that is not the height of hypocrisy, then I do not know the definition of the word "hypocrisy".

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary on a point of order.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, the definition of hypocrisy, even from a hypocritical Member of Parliament—

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down!

**Mr. Lewis:** I am not—

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down!

**Mr. Lewis:** No—

**Ms. Copps:** Retract.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. I would like to hear the point of order, please.

**Ms. Jewett:** It is not a point of order, I am sure of that.

**Ms. Copps:** Withdraw.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member, using a moment when you were distracted, unfairly and improperly accused the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) of hypocrisy. The Hon. Member is making a good speech, but he got carried away. He should be forced to withdraw.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. I will check the "blues". The Hon. Member has the floor. If there is a problem, I am sure the Speaker or the occupant of the chair will look after it.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Deputy Government House Leader, in raising his point of order, made what I consider to be a totally unwarranted and improper reflection on the Chair. He spoke of the Chair being distracted while something was said. The Chair is always vigilant, especially yourself, Sir.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!