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**Mr. Shields:** Well, the Member asks what is the issue. He obviously has not been listening. He plugs his ears every time he comes into this House.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** What is the issue?

**Mr. Shields:** Colonel Blowhorn. The issue is that it is a waste of the time of the House, that is one of the issues. The issue, as I indicated earlier, is that you are impugning the motives of the Minister of Transport. I also say that it is not a matter of freedom of speech, it is a matter of a company acting on behalf of a complaint, which is within its jurisdiction. The union which represents that individual is acting on that issue also. The two of them are sitting down in a grievance procedure. When that grievance procedure is over, then we will find out the truth.

**Mr. Angus:** Mr. Speaker, during the Hon. Member's address to this House he referred to letters of complaint as being pitiful. I wonder if he would like to clarify those remarks. Does he believe that any correspondence from a citizen of this country in objecting to a particular procedure of the Government is pitiful? Is that the kind of attitude that that Member has and how he represents his constituents?

**Mr. Shields:** Of course not. In response I may have used that term. I certainly did not mean to.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** You are mixed up.

**Mr. Shields:** Are you prepared to listen to the answer? What I was attempting to do was to point out that the Minister of Transport does not have the time to listen or to read every letter of complaint that comes in on Air Canada, CN, Harbours Board, or whatever. That was the point I was trying to make. When they come to his Department he does not even see them. They automatically go right to the Crown corporation that the letter of complaint is referring to. The Minister knows that the very competent management in CN or Air Canada or the Harbours Board will look into the complaint and answer it properly.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, the Member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields) was quite vehement in saying that one Mr. Richard Price should be thrown in jail because he broke his vow, if I can recall his particular statement. I wonder if he could clarify to the House why his view and his Party's view of Mr. Richard Price was so different from the view they took of one Mr. Wood.

Let me refresh the memory of the Member for Athabasca. He will remember that Mr. Wood was in the RCMP feeding secrets to the Conservatives when they were in opposition. When the Conservatives were in government, to show him their gratitude, instead of throwing him in jail, as the Member for Athabasca states now, the Government gave him a promotion and appointed him to a government board. Why is it that Mr. Price should be thrown in jail for exposing a

government practice but Mr. Wood should be given a government appointment?

**Mr. Shields:** Mr. Speaker, again the Member does not appear to have her facts straight. Mr. Wood was not a member of the RCMP when he spoke out and gave information to the Conservative caucus.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Did he get a promotion?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Shields:** Mr. Speaker, they asked me for an answer and I am prepared to give an answer.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** You are mixed up.

**Mr. Shields:** Mr. Wood was not a member of the RCMP. He had resigned from the RCMP when he came forward.

The yappy Member will not listen. I guess she really does not want to know the answer.

**Mr. McKenzie:** I find it incredible that we are debating it, but on the other hand I think it will highlight just how completely and totally irresponsible the Liberal and NDP Parties are to present a motion when they do not have the facts. I am going to give you some of the facts.

I have heard probably one of the most incredible statements from the Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps). Any time you receive a letter of complaint about a Crown corporation or a government Department you are to throw it in the garbage. It is a routine matter that started in about 1868. Any time a Member of Parliament receives a letter of complaint, he automatically forwards it to the Minister or to the Crown corporation. They make the decision as to whether or not it is a responsible complaint. You do not throw it in the garbage. This has nothing to do with freedom of speech.

I have investigated this case and I have got some information that I am going to lay on the Table of the House of Commons today. I understand that Air Canada has received a number of complaints about this stewardess. This stewardess wants a public debate on her case. She wants it all out in the open, so I think we should get everything out in the open. It will be interesting to hear what the other complaints were about.

One of the ladies who got on the plane had her arm in a sling and she had a back injury. She asked for a blanket and a pillow. The stewardess gave her the pillow and the blanket, and somehow after that she found out that this lady was a Conservative. So, she said to her: "If I had known you were a bloody PC, you wouldn't have got the blanket or the pillow". But according to the Liberals, people are to accept those types of statements. If people object to stewardesses swearing at them, they are against freedom of speech. What silly nonsense.