

That this House take forthwith every necessary action to provide for some restrictions to apply to advertising urging to spend.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ALLEGATIONS OF INTERFERENCE BY JUDGE MACKAY— REQUEST FOR COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, while the manner in which the enthusiasm displayed by government members in turning down those three successive motions which were made this afternoon lead one to believe the government is so self-satisfied—

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Diefenbaker:—that it does not intend to answer any questions concerning this matter—

Mr. Sharp: Ask the question and you will get an answer.

Mr. Diefenbaker:—I hope the Prime Minister may think otherwise. I ask him whether or not he believes in the complete independence of the judiciary from influence of cabinet ministers or members of parliament either directly or by subtle indirectness constitutes a cornerstone of the heritage of the administration of justice? I ask him, therefore, four ministers having been named in a press article in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* of today, will he be prepared to set up a judicial body, I would think of three judges—

Mr. Trudeau: Why not of five?

Mr. Diefenbaker: What does the Prime Minister say?

An hon. Member: Why not of five?

Mr. Trudeau: Or, why not of four?

Some hon. Members: Question, question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I thought I would keep the number smaller, so that the Prime Minister would understand.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: Or, what about one?

Oral Questions

Mr. Diefenbaker:—and not compose of judges in the province of Quebec, because it would embarrass them to be on such a commission.

Mr. Trudeau: Shame!

Mr. Diefenbaker: What are these interruptions of the Prime Minister? He is the protector of the rights of parliament, and he is interrupting on this matter.

Mr. Trudeau: What is wrong with judges from Quebec?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Is he afraid of an investigation?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Assuming that he is not, for the sake of argument, I ask him, will he set up such a commission at once, to clear away this matter?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am not basing my answer on what the right hon. gentleman says. I think what he said about the judges of Quebec is not relevant to this subject. I am not basing it, either—

Mr. Diefenbaker: I do not want to embarrass them, by asking them to try a matter affecting one of them.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, if the right hon. member wants to ask a supplementary question before I have finished answering, let him ask it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: I am just pointing out that the interruptions are not one-sided.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister started the interruptions a while ago.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about what has been rumoured and stated, and because of that, I discussed with the Minister of Justice the substance of a letter which he received from Justice Mackay, and I am satisfied with the attitude he has taken.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. I have to repeat the question. Naturally, the Minister of Justice desires to agree with anything, in order to protect his colleagues.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Paposki: Basford's getting up. Sit down, Basford. Three o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Three o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is obvious that the Minister of Justice is seeking the floor, to intervene on a question of privilege. The implications contained in questions and answers, at this stage, relating to what is a serious matter will only invite these kinds of interventions, which