

Time Allocation

Mr. Deans: These are not to be trusted.

Mr. Taylor: Oh yeah?

Mr. Deans: Your Honour remembers their dashing up and threatening the Speaker not so many months ago. I tremble in my shoes when they rise and castigate me. I will tell Your Honour the one thing I do not do, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe them.

Mr. Taylor: Where were you when property rights were discussed?

Mr. Deans: I do not believe them.

Mr. Taylor: Ask the people.

Mr. Deans: The Tories now ask where I was when property rights were discussed.

Mr. Taylor: That is right. You were right with the Liberals.

Mr. Deans: It is interesting, is it not? When oil profits are at stake, there are the Tories.

Mr. Taylor: The people's word, not the oil rights.

Mr. Deans: When people's property rights are at stake, there are the Tories.

Mr. Taylor: For the people that work.

Mr. Deans: But when people's incomes through pension and Family Allowances are at stake, where are the Tories?

Mr. Taylor: They are in here voting. Where were the NDP?

Mr. Deans: They are running in to help the Liberals get this legislation through the House of Commons.

Mr. Taylor: We were in here voting. Where were you?

Mr. Deans: I want to make some further remarks but I will not take a long time. It is not necessary.

Mr. Taylor: You have not said anything yet.

Mr. Deans: The case was made before. The Conservative Party is now a spent force. We understand that. When the public of Canada views its most recent action, they will see it plummet in the Gallup Poll.

Mr. Taylor: Oh?

Mr. Deans: We will see the Conservatives plummet in the Gallup Poll.

Mr. Taylor: You are not going up fast.

Mr. Deans: Their days are numbered, not by anything we have done, but because of their own actions, and quite justifiably so. One cannot always be on the side of big business and against the common man and expect to get support from the people to whom one is opposed.

Mr. Taylor: We are on the side of the people!

Mr. Deans: All I can say is that the Tories have historically, and continue to have, that mentality of absolute opposition to people who are impoverished, to people who are in need.

Mr. Taylor: We are on the side of the people!

Mr. Deans: That has been shown again today. Your Honour knows that had they stayed out until one minute past four o'clock—

An Hon. Member: Not 16 days.

Mr. Deans:—this would not have been voted on today.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Chicanery.

Mr. Deans: The vote would not have been held until Monday. The legislation could not have passed in time for the cheques to go out on Tuesday night.

Mr. Taylor: It could so.

Mr. Nielsen: It will not, anyway.

Mr. Deans: The senior citizens of this country who receive those benefits would have received full indexing this month. The Tories did not understand, as usual, that but for the sake of a minute or two, they could have stood up on behalf of the people whom they pretended for months they were supporting.

Mr. Taylor: We were in here voting, at least. Where were you?

Mr. Deans: We were not here. Does the Hon. Member know why we were not voting?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, I know.

Mr. Deans: Do you want to know the real reason? It is because we understood that if we came into the House, the motion would be moved, the vote would be taken, and the Bill would have proceeded, and we did not want that Bill to proceed because we are opposed to it.

Mr. Taylor: And you have accomplished nothing.

Mr. Deans: We believed we should do all in our power to hold the Bill up, unlike the Tories who dashed in and helped the Liberals. Now they are back together again. My suggestion to the Liberal House leader is: why does he not extend the bench, make room for them, put them over there beside him, for God's sake?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deans: They are no Opposition!

Mr. Gray: You first.

Mr. Deans: That is a pitiful group of hypocrites. They are no Opposition. Sit them on the other side where they belong.