

not forget it. This would be much more important than what we are about to vote on this afternoon!

• (3:50 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker, I ask once again that a secretariat be established in each constituency to serve the population. This would be acceptable to everybody, and the people would be satisfied.

This does not mean at all that we are against any salary increase. For instance, I completely disagree with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) who said a moment ago that we should level up incomes. Take from the haves and give to the have-nots! The real socialist is the fellow who is prepared to distribute what belongs to others, but never what belongs to him. Not on your life! This is what real socialism boils down to. I hear the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis) laughing. This is precisely what they are doing.

Some NDP members make \$100,000 a year, but they would not give a nickel. These are the people who come and preach in this House, blame capitalists, small businessmen, those whose yearly profits amount to \$10,000, \$12,000 or \$15,000. They are too big, these fellows. We know some of them who get paid \$50,000 and \$75,000 a year out of union funds, out of the Canadian taxpayers' money. There is a limit to being gulled by these people. I will not be muddled by this.

Mr. Speaker, we shall refuse to vote in favor of this raise. The other day, someone said: "Of course you will object." Indeed, we are against the timing of this raise, but still we are in favour of the principle just like anybody else in Canada would be in favour of a wage increase.

The labour leaders to start with are being paid more money than the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. He is aware of that, for he himself was employed once by a labour union and since this job meant more money for him than his present job as a member of Parliament, he did not complain.

Mr. Speaker, we support the principle but we are against the timing. That is the reason why we shall vote against it. Some people say: if you get the increase you will accept it nevertheless. My colleagues and myself have often voted against taxes. In fact, we lost the vote, but nevertheless we pay our taxes. If the bill passes, we will use the increase to educate the Canadian people and to give them by means of Social Credit a sound and honest administration which will bring about better justice.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Is the House ready for the question? I recognize the hon. member for Lotbinière.

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make some brief remarks that I wish to direct especially to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen).

### Senate and House of Commons Act

During consideration of Bill C-242, entitled "An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act", the President of the Privy Council stated, in his introductory remarks, that some time in the future he expected to consider the possibility of increasing services to members in their ridings.

Before the committee, he contradicted himself to some extent and equivocated. I know however that he has thoroughly considered the recommendations of the Beau-pré report.

We should like, before the end of this debate on third reading, to get from the President of the Privy Council some specific indications as to how soon services may possibly be added to those already available to members in order, as my colleagues said, to provide a permanent type of service to the people in our ridings.

Mr. Speaker, we have to close the gap between democratic institutions and the people, and it seems important to me, while considering this legislation, that the President of the Privy Council, before the end of the debate, give us specific indications and undertake, morally at least, to assure members and the people that the people's representatives will have the required tools to do the work that has been entrusted to them, in their ridings.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** In my opinion, the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. MacEachen) which was agreed to on the following division:

• (4:00 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

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Anderson	Baldwin