

province and territory as well as visitors from countries around the world have come to the Centre.

The Diefenbaker Centre at the University of Saskatchewan is an important monument to Mr. Diefenbaker's memory. However, it does not, at present, have a formal mandate to promote actively and to protect the ideas that Mr. Diefenbaker represented.

I have a vision of the Diefenbaker Centre as an institute dedicated to all Canadians. It should be a centre for Canadians to learn about their past and develop goals for the future. It should be a place for foreign visitors to learn about Canada and to enrich our lives and theirs through interaction. It should also teach the social as well as the economic importance of our multicultural heritage—a key to the future social and economic well-being in a changing and highly competitive world.

I urge Hon. Members in the House to support the motion placed before them this afternoon by my hon. colleague. A statue of John Diefenbaker on Parliament Hill will serve as a constant reminder to those of us who work here as well as to visitors of a great man who taught us the meaning of being Canadians. That is a fine beginning and I hope that this Government will recognize it as such, a beginning that can lead to other tributes so that we Canadians can actively share with our fellow citizens and world neighbours the legacy and spirit of this great man.

In view of the positive comments I have heard here this afternoon from members of all Parties, I would ask that we put the question to the House now.

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

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** Mrs. Browes, seconded by Mr. McDermid, moves:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of honouring the memory of the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker by commissioning a statue of him to be placed on Parliament Hill.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** Shall we call it six o'clock?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** It being six o'clock, the hour provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired.

### Adjournment Debate

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

### CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE—SIZE OF BUDGET. (B) SERVICE'S ACCOUNTABILITY

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise this afternoon to pursue a question I asked the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) yesterday concerning the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. It concerned the fact that the proposed budget of this new Civilian Security Service was \$116 million, despite the fact that the estimates of the RCMP were reduced by only \$45 million. I asked the Prime Minister what it was that constituted a major new threat to the security of Canada sufficient to justify this apparently massive increase in the expenditures on a new Civilian Security Service. There was no response from the Prime Minister to that question.

In my supplementary question, I pointed out that the Prime Minister and his Party, when in opposition, were very strongly opposed to a number of the provisions of this proposed security legislation. They joined with the NDP and many other groups and individuals, including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the Canadian Jewish Congress, La Lègue des Droits et Liberté from the Province of Quebec, in condemning this legislation, including the dangerously wide powers, vague mandate and the lack of parliamentary accountability of the Security Service.

In view of the bitter opposition by his Party when they were the Official Opposition last year, and in view of the fact that they proposed a number of amendments which would have improved the legislation, I asked the Prime Minister what action he was prepared to take to amend this Bill, to ensure particularly that there was full parliamentary oversight of the operations of the new Security Service. I would note that the concept of parliamentary oversight is one which was supported by the Conservative Party when in opposition.

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[Translation]

And I might add, Mr. Speaker, that when the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) was Leader of the Opposition, he wrote a letter to Mr. Gaétan Nadeau of the Ligue des droits et libertés concerning Bill C-9 whose purpose was to create the new security service. He then stated that the Progressive Conservative Party was bitterly opposed to the adoption of that measure by the House of Commons. He went on to commend the arguments of the Ligue and the support of well-known Canadians, and he said that the list of the numerous groups would be added to the file and be of great help in the fight against this Bill which was considered dangerous.