

He wants to sell his produce in an honest fashion. He wants the housewife to know how much she is buying when she buys a bushel. He is not interested in the hectare—I have trouble enough pronouncing the word. Anyway, I don't like it.

**Mrs. Holt:** What do you like?

**Mr. Crosbie:** The hon. member for Vancouver—whatever it is—will have her chance to speak in the debate.

**An hon. Member:** It is Vancouver-Kingsway.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Since the hon. lady will be here only a few more months, until the next election, she had better speak as often as she can.

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**Mrs. Holt:** Don't you ever worry?

**Mr. Crosbie:** I have heard from Vancouver that the hon. lady is finished.

**Mrs. Holt:** I don't deal in irrelevance like you do.

**Mr. Crosbie:** That is why the hon. lady is finished. Is the hon. lady going to vote for the bill which will blindfold the consumer? I always understood that she—

**Mrs. Holt:** Baloney.

**Mr. Crosbie:** You won't even know how much baloney you are getting.

**Mrs. Holt:** No matter how you slice it, it is still baloney.

**Mr. Crosbie:** When you go to caucus every Wednesday you don't know how much baloney you are getting.

**Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey):** The hon. member does not know that "pkg" means package.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Thank you. It is like the Liberals to help us underprivileged.

**Mrs. Holt:** And they are truly endowed intellectually.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The Chamber will be descending several millilitres if the hon. lady continues to heckle me. We never had any ladies in the Newfoundland legislature. Now I have to watch my language all the time.

**Mrs. Holt:** Some day I will tell a Newfie joke.

**Mr. Crosbie:** I have a British Columbia joke, but I will not tell it here. Since the opposition will be taking all the British Columbia seats in the next election, I do not want to interfere with that.

**Mrs. Holt:** I will compare my majority with yours any day, my friend.

**Mr. Crosbie:** I will accept a majority of one if it is held up in the courts. As long as I lead by one vote, I do not mind. I do

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not want to give up being in this Chamber every Thursday. I would miss terribly being here, listening to the debate, seeing the fate of the government hanging on every breath. That is what I would miss the most.

I want to get back to what I was saying in connection with Clause 3 of this bill. When the average consumer of fruit cocktail goes into a store, he wants to know what he is getting. When he sees a Libby's Canada Fancy U.S.A. 796 ml. tin, if he does not leave the store before he gets that far, he finds it is 75 cents. He will not know how to compare that tin with a tin that last week would have been something else if it was not in ml's., which I presume is millilitres.

On and on it goes. They have even done it with the mushroom soup. Nothing is sacred any more. Now I will get to the hon. lady for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt).

**Mrs. Holt:** Come on.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Served with sodas. The 284 ml. tin of mushroom soup, Campbell's condensed, sells at four for \$1. It will certainly be condensed if it is in millilitres. I do not want to bore the House.

**Mrs. Holt:** You have done that already. You do not even have to try.

**Mr. Crosbie:** I do not want hon. members to think my remarks are not well founded. This was referred to in a brief submitted to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs by the Consumers' Association of Canada. I am not making this up. I do not have that kind of imagination. This is a serious point.

The Consumers' Association of Canada, an association with tens of thousands of members across the country, stated in their brief, and I quote:

We do not want to impede the progress of the bill—

I do not want to impede the progress of this bill. None of us want to do that. We do not want to impede the progress of the government. The government has done a good enough job of that itself. We do not want to impede the progress of the government until the next election.

I continue the quote:

—but urge the deletion of clause 3 the intent of which is to "Remove the reference to Canadian units of measurements—"

In the United States that would be called un-Americanism. They have a committee on un-American activities. We should have a committee on un-Canadian activities.

—(in the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act) and would thereby eliminate obligatory dual marking in favour of single metric marking."

Wait until the media find out what is happening in Clause 3. I do not know whether it will be on the CTV national news tonight. Pass the message to CTV that I will be available in fifteen minutes.

**Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey):** They are not looking for a silly filler.

**Mr. Crosbie:** I would cause a quick reversal of this bill.