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for what reason. This news bulletin reads as follows:

Last night the House of Commons gave second reading to the bill which will increase by 30 per cent the unemployment insurance contributions.

133 members voted for and 34 members of the opposition opposed the measure.

The bill does not make provision for an increase in unemployment benefits but provides for an extension of payment.

As soon as I heard this news, of course, I asked for a copy of it so that I could check it myself because I was under the impression that this bill, when it was adopted, provided not only for an extension of the period of the benefits but also for an increase in the amount of unemployment insurance benefits. It is true that in some cases, the rate of the unemployment insurance benefits might have become lower but on the whole there was a marked increase. I give this example to show that some news bulletins must be checked. And it is desirable that such things be revealed.

As far as I am concerned, I can say that there has been considerable improvement in the C.B.C. since the separation took place and since it has ceased to be the only judge in the awarding of permits; nevertheless, I feel there is room for further improvement.

Mr. Speaker, this is meant as a constructive criticism, and I hope it will be considered as such.

There is another suggestion I want to submit, in addition to those which might be considered by the committee. It is about a particular case which, in my opinion indicates that at times the C.B.C.—and possibly not C.B.C. top officials—does not care about public opinion and does not even care about the opinion of those who take part in some programs. I would like to give a factual example of that.

This year a very interesting T.V. series was started. It goes on at nine o'clock Sunday nights. It is called "Passe d'armes" and is produced with the co-operation of the junior chambers of commerce of the province of Quebec.

I have it from reliable sources that, during its negotiations with the C.B.C., the federation of junior chambers of commerce of the province of Quebec rejected the idea of having a lady on each of the teams invited to face each other on that series, because the junior chambers in general are comprised exclusively of men. To be sure, there are a few

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groups of ladies auxiliaries called "Jaycettes", affiliated with the Jaycees—in fact there is one of them in Montreal—but usually the Jaycees admit only men, even though wives or girl friends of members are often invited to help in social activities.

In the first telecast of "Passe d'armes" two teams of male Jaycee's were representing their respective districts.

However, for the second program, the C.B.C. took upon itself to invite a lady to sit with each team and stated that this policy would apply to all programs until the end of the play-offs which will oppose teams from different areas in the province of Quebec.

Thus faced with an accomplished fact, leaders of the jaycee movement, who had participated in the first two programs of the series, could hardly withdraw their co-operation.

I realize that the presence of a lady on each team adds charm to the program. But that is not the point—for there is no doubt in my mind about that—but why did not the C.B.C. try to obtain, through the moderator of the series or the producer, the approval of the junior chamber of commerce. It might have been because of a specific requirement of the sponsor, I would not know. However, one thing is sure, and it is that the C.B.C. has little regard for the opinion of others, and that the co-operation asked of the chambers of commerce does not seem to have received C.B.C. support. In other words, it was a one-way decision.

In my opinion, it goes further than that, since in fact the C.B.C., after making changes or inviting a lady of its choice on each team for a particular program, imposed its will on the junior chambers of commerce.

I may be accused of personalities, but I only want to give an example. On the January 8 program—

(Text):

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea):** Order. I have been listening very carefully to the hon. member. I think Mr. Speaker made it quite plain when the committee started that while it would be in order to discuss things which could be brought before the committee it would not be in order to go into details such as might be presented before the committee itself. The hon. member is