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Motion negatived.

• (2110)

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell).

Mr. Waddell: Madam Speaker, I am rising to continue my speech on the Crow Bill.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has been recognized and has finished his speech. The Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes).

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all the Liberal Members opposite for showing up to take part in this debate simply by voting to continue it.

Mr. Waddell: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) was previously recognized. He used his time and finished his speech. He cannot be recognized again.

Mr. Waddell: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Would the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway please state his point of order.

Mr. Waddell: My complaint is, Mr. Speaker, that I still have three or four minutes left in my speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member, according to the records of the House, has no time left. The Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes).

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to note that there were 133 Liberals—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) on a point of order.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, could I ask the Chair to tell us exactly how much time the Hon. Member has used up?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Calgary West has the floor. The Hon. Member is not raising a point of order.

Mr. Hawkes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of the 133 Members of the Liberal Party who showed up tonight to vote to continue this debate, not one single Member has had the courage to speak to the issue.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Western Grain Transportation Act

Mr. Hawkes: At 12 noon today, Mr. Speaker, a Liberal backbencher stood in the House and moved closure on the Crow Bill. Since that time we have not heard one Liberal Member speak to that closure motion. Not one! There are 133 Liberal Members who say they want the debate to continue, but for what reason, Mr. Speaker, if they will not contribute to the debate? Are they ashamed? They should be, if they are not. Do they have a contribution to make?

An Hon. Member: Yes.

Mr. Hawkes: Do they have an excuse to offer? There are two Liberal Members elected west of the Lakehead, who are pushing through a piece of legislation in the House which is vital to the interest of western Canadians, and yet not one Liberal Member since 12 noon today has had the courage to stand in this Chamber and speak to the motion which is before the House.

[Translation]

Silence is the rule in this party. They acted the same way during the debate on the Constitution. The Members from Quebec did not have the courage to speak in the debate on the Crow rate.

[English]

It is an abomination of the democratic process that 133 Liberal Members will show up in this House to vote the way they are told, but not one single Member has the courage to stand up, enter into this debate and tell us why we have to discuss this under closure. Not one Liberal Member, Mr. Speaker, has entered into this debate, of the 133 Members whose constituents should take down their names, addresses and telephone numbers and the next time they get a chance to vote, they should take every one of those 133 Members of Parliament and chuck them out of this Chamber, chuck them right out.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hawkes: This is a fundamental change in the law of this country which affects the western Canadian region, and not one Liberal Member out of 133—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Order.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I find it rather difficult to believe that in this place an Hon. Member of the House can vilify a Party for having its—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is not making a point of order. The Hon. Member is giving an argument, not making a point of order.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, it speaks to a certain state of mind that when you can tell the thruth in this Chamber, a whole Party takes it as vilification. If the truth is vilification to the Liberal Party, so be it.

[Translation]

A party and its Members, ruled by silence.