

that they will impoverish their customers in rich countries. It is strange to live in this day and age and see that Tory mentality, Rambonomics, are still where they were, right in their gut. They have not changed. Marx said that the very rich are self-destructive. I had hopes that they had learned a bit, and most of the time they appear as if they had, but then came Reagan. But at least with Mr. Reagan there is the excuse that there was a time when he was handsome, I suppose, and he appeared in many B movies, once with a chimpanzee. The chimpanzee stole the show.

• (1110)

Senator Stanbury: Bonzo!

Senator Gigantès: Bonzo! So the Americans—and we imitate them—go and elect the acolyte of Bonzo as president. We imitated them.

Senator Hébert: We elect Bonzo.

Senator Gigantès: We elect an Irish Bonzo, a dreadful vulgarian who oozes—I must find another word besides charm—smarm from every pore and oils his way across the floor. That's what we do. This is very alarming. The good corporate citizens opposite have brought the media communications. If you think that the CBC would have lasted many more terms under the Tory government, you are wrong. They want media they own. You don't lay down the lines too strongly if you own a particular newspaper or radio or TV station; you just don't hire the people who don't think as you do. The corporate citizens who owned the *Globe and Mail* got tired of having that obstreperous, stubborn, difficult, opinionated man across the way who ran an honest newspaper, and they replaced him with one of their own, a dinosaur, and they are spoiling a paper. This is what is so worrisome. The power of manipulation of television with the absolutely enormous admirable public oration skills of some senators opposite are putting democracy in danger.

Look at the last election campaign in the United States in 1988. At the end of the election did we know what the positions of either candidate were? No, we did not. From both sides all we were fed was a collection of scurrilous, vicious ad hominem attacks concocted by the manipulators of the media, who also own all those private stations and on which they can put anything they want so that they confuse the public. They attain power to make the daughters of citizens who are not corporate citizens into scullery maids on tax-deductible wages. This is basically in their guts. This is where they come from. This is the kind of people they are across the way, and I don't want any questions. I am in full fight now. When I want a question I will let you know.

The next subheading in Mr. Brooks' report is "To Avoid the Administrative and Compliance Costs of Implementing the GST".

Senator Teed: He said he was in full flight!

Senator Gigantès: You have not heard anything yet, Senator Teed. I will be going on for days unless Mr. MacEachen forbids me. So if you dislike this, ask him about it.

Senator Simard: It is a good time to adjourn.

Senator Gigantès: It is a good time to adjourn?

Senator Corbin: Senator Gigantès, may I ask you a pertinent question?

Senator Simard: He said no questions.

Senator Corbin: You said you would remain in full flight for days, or words to that effect, unless Mr. MacEachen forbids you. Have you considered the possibility of a coup, a putch, or some intervention by members on the other side which would have the effect of preventing you from continuing your remarks? What would you do in those circumstances?

Senator Gigantès: I would not be surprised. After all, they have established the principle that the referee picks up the ball and runs over the goal vine and scores a touchdown for one of the teams. This is, in effect, what they did.

Senator Stanbury: Several times.

Senator Gigantès: Several times. Let us remember, it was a perfectly understood rule and tradition that no vote would take place in the Senate—I see Senator Simard is itching to intervene and I will so enjoy it, bless his heart. The ringing of the bells simply signals that there will be a vote. The time of the vote is the time fixed by the two whips. That was the principle. That was the rule. Rules can be changed by agreement. They were in the other house, not by a coup. The Liberal Speaker in the other house, as we saw yesterday—

[Translation]

Senator Simard: Honorable Senators, I would like to remind this chamber, if I may, that liberal Senator Gigantès has told and promised us a moment ago he would not entertain any more questions. Even in the Opposition, he and his party break their promises every day. He just told us he would not accept any more questions. And within five seconds, Senator Corbin stood up, started another flight of oratory precisely to break a promise and try to answer the question.

Senator Corbin: He said he would answer any bright question.

Senator Simard: Maybe so. I said and I want to keep my promise that I would never ask you any question.

I make a statement. I hope the new editors, who are also ex editors of "Cité Libre" will want to publish this statement in their next issue, which Senator Hébert is so proud of by the way. I remind you, for the record, that the only thing mentioned in today's newspapers about Senator's Gigantès 24 hours long speech is the fact that he did not go to pee! Of course, the newspapers could not mention the alternatives to GST proposed by the Liberal Party. There are not any. Senator Gigantès, like all his old colleagues, has also mentioned some alternatives suggested par Dr Woods. So far, and it is 11:20, Friday morning, after more than 24 hours listening to Senator Gigantès' remarks, the Grits have not come forward with any alternative to the GST. They do not have any position on the subject, and they do not have any position on almost anything for that matter. That is why we look so much