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decision reaches the Supreme Court, it will reject that decision.

Insofar as unions contributing to political Parties are concerned, whether it be our Party or any other, I wish to make it clear to the Hon. Member, in case he is not aware, that every union which makes a contribution on the part of its members to the New Democratic Party gives every member the opportunity to notify the treasurer of the union that he or she does not wish a contribution made to our Party on his or her behalf. That is a great deal more than offered the shareholders of banks, insurance companies, or any of the large corporations which contribute to the Liberal or Conservative Parties. They do not ask their shareholders whether they wish to make a contribution, they just do it. If the Hon. Member wishes to look for justice, that is where he should look.

I rose because during the course of his speech, the Hon. Member referred to a question I asked the Hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) during Question Period. I pointed out, and I would not wish to hide it even if I could, that the prime rate of interest as established by the Bank of Canada has come down 5 percentage points from the day that this Government took office until today.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Orlikow: Someone says "hear, hear", and I think it is great. I hope that the Hon. Member who spoke would join with me in asking the Minister to call in the management of the department stores that are charging their customers over 28 per cent interest on the unpaid balance of their credit cards, and to call in the management of the gasoline companies—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member may wish to leave the 30 seconds that are left to the Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine) to conclude.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fontaine: Madam Speaker, first, I must congratulate my colleague for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) for his intervention as concerns the cost of credit for Canadian consumers. He has shown a lot of interest in this matter. Indeed, it is one of his few successes, but we have to give him credit for it. I would like to congratulate him for having recognized a second time in this House that, under our Government, since September, 1984, interest rates have gone down by 5 per cent. Third, I also want to congratulate him on being the first Member of the socialist party to speak publicly in this House of the ruling made by Judge White about the use of payroll deductions under the Rand formula for employees who are not members of a union, and I did say to the House—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I very much regret that I must interrupt the Hon. Member.

It being 3:45 p.m., pursuant to the order made Tuesday, March 10, 1987, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings on the matter now before the House.

The debate on Bill C-40 is therefore adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 66, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie)—Disasters—Chernobyl nuclear accident—(a) Effect on caribou in Labrador and Quebec (b) Ability to monitor radioactive contamination; the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier)—Department of Energy, Mines and Resources—(a) Request that Minister be more precise (b) Future of public servants and families; the Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald)—The administration—(a) Public tenders—Opportunity to amend law and regulations to eliminate possible conflict of interest and corruption—Government position (b) Canada Elections Act—Request for amendments to ban corporate donations to political parties.

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MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Thursday, March 5, consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald that Bill C-3, an Act to amend the Radio Act, be read a third time and passed.

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is my understanding that Bill C-3 would come to an end at this time and that there would be an opportunity later this day to call for a vote. I want it to be clear that there will be a vote on this Bill today.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member is correct. The question will be put at 4.45 p.m. on Bill C-40, and on Bill C-3, as per unanimous consent earlier this week.

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Madam Speaker, I rise for the third time to address Bill C-3, an Act to amend the Radio Act. I have attempted to bring to the attention of the House some of the serious concerns that are found in this not too well conceived piece of legislation.

To return to the issue and reset the stage, it would be useful to set the context of the administrative actions which take place under the Radio Act and relate to this amendment. We are talking about an amendment to the question of charging fees for radio licences, that is, the licences which are authorized and given to users of various types of radio and dispatch services for police, ambulance, fire, taxis, cement trucks, et cetera. It also includes paging services, cellular radio,