

*Government Orders*

If you watched television last week, *The Journal* on CBC, you would have seen the treatment of the B.C. forests. It may not be the scare scenario sent out by German television but let us assume that there is a problem there. Where is the environmental review process? The famous dam in Saskatchewan which has led to several court cases, the Rafferty-Alameda dam, is another example of the federal government's flawed process.

We find that there are people who now have to take the federal government to court over the Oldman dam in Alberta.

We could go across the country, one province after the other. We could look at the future developments in northern Quebec, northern Ontario and northern Manitoba. The purpose of the opposition is not to obstruct government but to co-operate with the government when the interests of Canadians have been thought about and taken into account. We all heard in our constituencies that people are concerned about the integrity of government and integrity in the governmental process.

Do we hear a thoughtful response to integrity? No, not at all. What do we hear?

**An hon. member:** The government does not even know the word.

**Mr. Walker:** It is a faint memory from its parents and it certainly has lost it. The government does not know that Canadians do not want to hear about more things being rammed down their throats. They want this government out and if the government is going to stay, they want at least a few responsible pieces of legislation.

The member for Kingston and the Islands, who is our watchdog on the way that this government tries to ram one thing down our throats after another, can tell the Canadian people that so many pieces of flawed legislation are presented to this House of Commons that it is a record in Canadian history. Because of the influence of members such as this, we strive to review pieces of legislation and to improve them. We want to see a better environmental review process. That is why we are forcing the government today to explain to us, more clearly, why it does not want to start over again and produce a better piece of legislation but rather wants to push ahead.

My guess is that its green plan is to fill all those green seats over there with the Conservatives. It does not care about the green of Canada, it cares about the green on the government side.

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I want to say that there are going to be a lot of empty spaces there after the next election. That is going to be green for Canadians because all the members sitting there are going to be gone. They are going to be gone because they are irresponsible. They are going to have to face the music.

All these pieces of legislation that have been presented, including the ones today to be hurried up, are just going to be a testimony to how little they understood what was going on in the country.

When the Prime Minister returns from his overseas trip—and trip is a good acronym for what he is doing; he is falling all over himself and being a total embarrassment to all Canadians—he is going to find out once again that the measures of the people he left in charge are being rejected by Canadians. What people want is a working organization.

There was grand talk in the Speech from the Throne about the reform of Parliament. There were discussions about free votes, about making Parliament a more responsible organization. There was an expression when I was in university which said: "The next day is the first day of your life." Today has to be the first day. If you are going to reform Parliament, do not wait for a report from a committee. Do not wait for some grand scheme from the Prime Minister's Office or the Privy Council Office. Start out by saying: "Today we are going to do things differently. Today we are going to respect Parliament. Today if the opposition wants to bring to the attention of the government that these pieces of legislation should be reviewed, we are going to take them seriously. We are not going to just jam them down everybody's throat".

When we hear and see the government taking this seriously, then we will know that in fact we have a more democratic institution.

As I think about these issues and as I look for signs from my colleagues as to whether we will be successful today in stopping the government in its actions, I can hope that many more will join me in speaking out against the government's actions. We will be able to see that each and every one of these pieces of legislation today