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more provinces specified in the proclamation issued under subsection 3(1).

As I said earlier, this is wishful thinking on the part of the hon. member for Jonquière, he knows that his government will never agree to put a ceiling on spending.

It is obvious when one sees the orgy of spending which is being done for Canada's 125th birthday on the back of Quebecers and with our money. Every night on television we have to endure commercials on the 125th birthday. We are certainly justified in wondering what the government will spend next on the referendum.

I do not see in the amendments proposed by the hon. member for Jonquière—as I said, I read them quite quickly, since the leader of the government introduced time allocation—anything which would force the government to register with one of the committees. This is not in and it seems rather important to me. If he had wanted amendments that mattered he would have provided for the government to be included in one of the referendum committees.

In other words, the Conservative government can waste public money any way it wishes. The bill does not set any limit on spending by the federal government so I would have expected the hon. member for Jonquière to include limits in his amendments and motions.

As we can see Quebec conservative members will not be supporting the motions of their colleague from Jonquière. Apparently he did not manage to convince them to join him, which is regrettable.

I understand his disappointment, I went through that. Personally, I followed my conscience and left that party which can only accept puppets, members who do not think and who obey without murmurs. I left the party—

An hon. member: You must be glad.

Mrs. Venne: Yes, I am glad now. I would have thought the hon. member for Jonquière would have followed.

An hon. member: He does not have the guts.

Mrs. Venne: Indeed, I do not think he has the guts but this is a matter of opinion.

Finally, I would like to mention another point where the proposals are lacking. In his motion No. 35 the hon. member for Jonquière proposes that the Governor in Council may make regulations governing referendum committees. I would have preferred that they be governed by the statute.

I have one minute left? Then, Mr. Speaker, during that minute I would like to talk about the French language that the hon. member for Outremont was mentioning a short while ago. The French language does fare too well in these motions. On page XXVI of the *Order Paper* for June 2 alone I could pick four mistakes. In the third paragraph at the third line you can read “—d'une provinces—”, with an *s* at the end. At the last line of that same paragraph we read: “une amende maximale de cinquantate mille dollars”. It should probably read “cinquante mille”, but it is one more mistake. There is another one in the penultimate paragraph where it says: “Le comité référendaire qui contravient—”, instead of “contrevient”. And in the last paragraph, “sommaire” is spelt with only one *m*.

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This is to say, Mr. Speaker, that it is obvious this was done in a hurry. Nobody had time to revise. I will admit these are minor mistakes but we would expect better from a government which has considerable means at its disposal.

I only wanted to point that out to the hon. member for Outremont who was taking pride in the fact that he could speak French in this House. I must tell him that I am very disappointed, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak about the motions presented by the member for Jonquière. I think it is interesting to support this motion since the member for Jonquière showed a certain degree of courage yesterday, during four to five hours, when he rose to speak against the opportunity that was given members to debate his own motions.

The member for Jonquière is suggesting the creation of umbrella committees. He also suggests that there should be a referendum committee in each riding and in each province and that there should be a certain spending limit. I think that what he means is that each province should be allowed to spend, according to its