

I ask myself, why? Those of us who are appointed here do not have to worry about elections. We were appointed to do a job on behalf of the people, those people who need our protection. Why do senators opposite let partisanship create real problems for the people coming your way? Why do you not stand up for once and say enough is enough.

[Translation]

Senator Bolduc: Honourable senators—

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, if Senator Bolduc speaks now, it will have the effect of closing the debate on second reading.

Some Hon. senators: No, no!

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourables senators, I believe that Senator Bolduc only wants to ask a question, and that he is not proposing to close this debate on second reading!

Senator Murray: Yes—

Senator Molgat: Honourable senators, I must admit that, after such a brilliant speech by my colleague, I could understand my friends from across the way wanting to close the debate now! No, we are not going to close debate at this time! I will allow one question, for sure, but not closing this debate! Come on!

Senator Thériault: Honourable senators, by the way, I would like to announce to my colleagues the results of the provincial election held today in Prince Edward Island. The Liberals elected 31 members, and the Conservatives maybe one!

Some Hon. senators: Hear, hear!

On motion of Senator Hébert, debate adjourned.

[English]

NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALLOCATE TIME

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, for the last little while I have been trying to convince my honourable friend opposite, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, to come to an agreement on when we can dispose of this particular bill.

Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès: It is an uncomfortable subject for you. Being accused publicly of screwing the poor is not something you like to hear.

Senator Barootes: Withdraw that unparliamentary language. Where do you think you are, on the streets?

Senator Gigantès: Sorry; further disadvantaging the poor. It's nice to see the rich and well fed over there watch the poor grow poorer while your friends speculate on money markets.

The Hon. the Speaker: Order, please. Senator Lynch-Staunton has the floor.

Senator Lynch-Staunton: According to rule 39, I have been trying to convince the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, or at least have him agree, that we could come to a mutually agreed-on date to dispose of this bill, but unfortunately he cannot do so.

Senator Thériault: I propose a date of 1996.

Senator Lynch-Staunton: Therefore, having exhausted the provisions of rule 39, I give notice of the following motion:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of rule 40, in relation to Bill C-113, an act to provide for government expenditure restraint, not more than six further hours of debate be allotted to the consideration of the said bill at the second reading stage;

THAT when the debate comes to an end or when the time provided for the consideration of the second reading stage of the said bill has expired, the Speaker shall interrupt, if required, any proceedings then before the Senate and put forthwith and successively every question necessary to dispose of the said stage of the said bill;

THAT any recorded vote or votes on the said questions shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of rule 40(4).

Senator Thériault: You do that to the poor all the time: "Six hours is plenty; cut them off".

Senator Lynch-Staunton: There has been plenty of time in committee and at third reading. We want to get this debate going and get it moving.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION BILL

SECOND READING

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Rossiter, seconded by the Honourable Senator Meighen, for the second reading of Bill C-95, An Act to continue the Farm Credit Corporation and to repeal certain Acts in consequence thereof.

[Senator Thériault]