

*Canada Development Corporation*

on legislation which is now pending. I feel the remarks of the hon. member for Brandon-Souris were in order.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After this diversionary tactic on the part of the hon. member, I should like to again refer to legislative issues that are fundamental to this House of Commons. The Prime Minister has complained about the way the opposition handles the business of the House. Perhaps members opposite do not understand our practices and procedures, or how Parliament works. Fairly recently we—

**Mr. McBride:** Mr. Speaker, surely the hon. member is lecturing the House, with some knowledge of its procedures, in an arrogant fashion, hardly befitting a distinguished parliamentarian like himself.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, I did not ask the hon. member to interrupt. I did have the floor and I yielded to the hon. member. Perhaps we should get on with the debate because time is at a premium today.

**Mr. Mahoney:** That is an interesting observation.

**Mr. Pepin:** I wish I had said that.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Let me come back to the point I was endeavouring to make. We would be delighted if this government would come to grips with the problem instead of shadow boxing. It should tackle the real issues of concern in Canada. We must do something on an emergency basis to stimulate the economy of Canada. The unemployment situation has been discussed in season and out of season, but this government has continually treated the matter with marked disdain. We must deal with unemployment problems as they exist today. We have some 700,000 people unemployed. There are a great number of companies going into bankruptcy. The DREE program of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is not having the desired effect because it is being used for political purposes. There is a lack of co-ordination in that we have several departments of government working at odds with each other.

Just before one o'clock I should like to give the House an illustration of what is happening at this time. In 1969 the government adopted, as one of its major initiatives, the concept of bringing down the high cost of drugs in Canada. This is a basic financial issue.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** There has been some discussion among hon. members about relevancy. I think the hon. member who now has the floor is beginning to wander a bit too far.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, we are at the second reading stage of this bill. During all my experience in this House hon. members have never been restricted in their attempts to deal with the implications of government legislation, or in their efforts to place these measures in proper perspective. If we are to be confined to very narrow limits of debate at this stage, this will amount to a further infringement of the rights of private members. It is my understanding that at the second reading stage our discussions can range—

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair was in no way attempting to restrict the hon. member. His rights are the same as those enjoyed by all other members of the House. During the second reading consideration of a measure, the Chair suggests that hon. members must relate their remarks to the subject matter of the bill before the House. I have listened carefully to the hon. member's remarks and it seemed to me the hon. member was beginning to deal with other aspects of government policy, specifically government's policy in attempting to reduce the price of drugs. That seems to me to be irrelevant to the bill under consideration.

**An hon. Member:** Let's call it one o'clock.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, my time has almost expired. I was referring to the fact that the Canada Development Corporation—

**Mr. Mahoney:** Tell us about Red River Valley.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Calgary, whatever he is, ought to be a spokesman for western Canada.

**An hon. Member:** He is.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** He carries on like a trained seal, going along with everything this government does.

**Mr. Deachman:** You don't see any trained seals on the Prairies.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** He will not give the slightest—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. It being one o'clock I do now leave the Chair.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

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**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Mr. Speaker, when the House rose at one o'clock, I was just concluding my remarks. I was interrupted quite often, so I trust the Chair will be lenient and allow me to bring my observations to a conclusion. As a matter of fact, I was in full flight when the recess was called by the Chair.

● (2:10 p.m.)

The main point I wish to bring out, as we pursue this important subject of ways and means to stimulate the Canadian economy, to get it out of the doldrums into which it has descended because of the maladministration of this government is that we should not dabble in window dressing tactics such as those employed in the bill which is before us but rather should get to the root of our economic problems. The time has long past for the government to abandon its ad hoc approach to our economic problems. Now, when an issue comes up it is