

tion and some indication from the minister that he would be prepared to consider it, that some conversations take place on both sides of the House.

The hon. member for Annapolis Valley—Hants has posed a question to the Chair, one which I do not think it is appropriate for me to try to answer at the moment because the question is hypothetical. However, the hon. member for Annapolis Valley—Hants has been in this House for many years and has also made a suggestion which might be helpful. I would hope that his representations have been listened to. I do want to hear a very experienced member and colleague, the hon. member for Saint—Denis.

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint—Denis): Mr. Speaker, thank you for introducing me that way. I hope that you will not change your opinion when I finish my presentation.

I must admit that when we are stuck with a problem we have to cool off. I have myself cooled off since yesterday. I received a phone call last night saying that I blamed the RCMP. To put the record straight, I am not blaming the RCMP. If they think that is their job, and probably it is their job, they have to enforce any law. So let us put the record straight, I am not here to blame the RCMP.

Second, I will even, to the shock of some, say that I am not here to blame the Minister of Public Works if he was asked to do certain research and to put forward a proposal. I am here to ask some guidance. It is well known that for 26 years now, soon 27, when I see people on the Hill most of the time I go to them first and see what is bothering them.

I want to know because when people take the time to demonstrate it is because there must be something wrong. Sometimes after looking and reading—I do not make comments. I do not insult people—I say that I do not think they have a good cause or, in my judgment, and I may be wrong, I say they have a good cause and I look into it. I have been doing that for 27 years.

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I even wave to all the cameras because I know they are directly connected to the RCMP, and there are more cameras than ever on the Hill. If you want to know where they are just look on top of every building. There are two on the Peace Tower, one on my building, one on the East Block and one on top of the Langevin building. All of your pictures are taken by these cameras. I always

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tell those who come to demonstrate to give a good smile because their picture will be taken. I resent that, to be frank.

But when you go in the Senate now, if you scratch your nose someone is going to look at you. If you are interested, go and take a look for yourself.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, you are not going to put us through that in our House or in our buildings. If you go with me, people will say: "I saw the Speaker with Marcel". In the Senate now there are cameras on the sixth floor, fifth floor, fourth floor, third floor and at the entrance. Maybe they do not like us and they want to know who among the commoners goes to visit them. But anyway, that is the case.

I am a little bit worried about that. There is more and more security. We cut everything in the budget but we give \$35 million more to this so-called James Bond organization that I opposed under Trudeau and I still oppose. I opposed that under Trudeau and I still oppose the creation of that service. We should have left it to the RCMP. I am still opposed today.

I am worried about this multiplication. I think we could resolve this by looking into it again. I will give you an example. I got this document in English yesterday because I was quick in getting the document. I learned two new words, "ingress" and "egress". It sounds like something in French that I will not mention, but I did not know what they meant.

Some hon. members: Oh, Oh!

Mr. Prud'homme: Genuinely, I didn't know what they meant. I asked my colleague, Madam Mitchell, so I waited for the French translation.

I have to ask you something, Mr. Speaker, as our guide and as our servant of the House. We always take guidance from you. We may exaggerate a little bit. We may push too much without explaining. But I wish someone would tell me what this means: "Parliament Hill, Public Works Act, Regulation, Amendment put to me by the State Ceremonial, Parliament Hill, under the Schedule, subtitle, "Parliament Hill".

10.1 (b) demonstrating, alone or with other persons, with or without a sign, or participating in any demonstration;

I can imagine one of the gentlemen who was arrested yesterday coming back here with the thousands of kids in the summer who like to see the Prime Minister or the ministers coming out of the building. There are always