

Bill of Rights

to say which elected members shall represent them and be their spokesmen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Malone: I am concerned because in recent weeks the member of the other place has made statements which are diametrically opposed to my own. The situation is extremely serious as the member of the other place, who claims he is speaking on behalf of the people of Alberta, says that the province and its politicians are separatist in nature.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, the minds of the people of this country must not be marinated in the kind of poison which, under the guise of patriotism, pits region against region. Certainly, my effort, as a member of this House, is directed towards working for a cohesive and united Canada. I am not here as a Progressive Conservative member, but rather as a member of parliament and I have a duty to all people in my constituency.

I want to make it clear that I do not contend the Prime Minister should not gather information from anyone, but rather that he does not have the privilege of appointing someone as being official spokesman. It is the official nature of that position to which I obeyed, because certainly there are other Senators and other people. I think my privilege is being usurped by the fact he has appointed someone who is able to gain public attention to raise issues, but who does not have a mandate from the people of that province.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member gave the Chair notice of the question of privilege. Hon. members will note that the question of privilege does not seek action by the Chair. In all fairness, the alleged question of privilege suffers from other disabilities than that. However, no action is called for by the Chair and that would finalize the matter.

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CANADIAN BILL OF RIGHTS**AMENDMENT TO MAKE CONTRACTS CONTAINING
DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS UNENFORCEABLE**

Mr. Bob Kaplan (York Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-382, to amend the Canadian Bill of Rights.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, one needs a good reason to propose an amendment to a bill of such integrity as the Canadian Bill of Rights. However, that bill is directed only to acts of discrimination which have their origin within the Canadian community. Since it was enacted, serious threats to human rights and equality within Canada have come from direct meddling by the national policies of some foreign governments and their agents deliberately designed to encourage discrimination in

[Mr. Malone.]

Canada. This amendment is designed to protect Canada from this disgraceful international development.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS FROM HAMILTON OFFICE OF
MINISTER OF LABOUR—SUBJECT MATTER OF INVESTIGATION
AT THAT TIME**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. In putting this question, I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not implying any wrongdoing on the part of anyone. However, it is important that there be full disclosure of any political links, and the nature of those links, where waterfront activities have led to widespread charges being laid. Will the Solicitor General advise the House of the subject matter of the investigation being pursued by the RCMP when they visited the office of the Minister of Labour in May, 1974, went through his files and took away certain material from his office.

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I answered this on a previous occasion in the House. I understand they took out that search warrant in the case concerning Mr. Elliot and four other individuals. I listed their names in the House at that time. I think the question had been asked by the hon. member for Calgary North. The search warrant was issued as a result of investigations into the affairs of private individuals who were charged in Hamilton in May, 1974.

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**NATURE AND USE OF DOCUMENTS REMOVED FROM
HAMILTON OFFICE OF MINISTER OF LABOUR**

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I assume that, in view of the importance of the matter the Solicitor General, although he might not have examined the material himself, is familiar with the material taken from the office of the Minister of Labour. Can he tell the House whether this material is either relevant to continuing investigations or whether it is intended to be used in evidence in a case or cases where charges have already been laid?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): I cannot answer that question. As I have told the House before, it is not in order to discuss the details of an investigation which is under way, nor is it for me to discuss the evidence which will be put before the court in trials which are to take place. The prosecution in these cases is under the authority of the Attorney General of Ontario and the two prosecutors are under his authority.