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and misleading advertising and to cartels. The mandates of new Crown corporations must be spelled out clearly. The mandates of old Crown corporations must be regularly updated. There must be much less secrecy about the activities of Crown corporations, and secret directives from the Government to Crown corporations must stop. New controls should be placed on the borrowings of Crown corporations. The Government's accounts must accurately reflect their debts. The Auditor General must have the authority that he needs to do his job.

Parliament cannot force such legislation on a majority Government if it does not want it, but we still have the power to stop the Government from taking some of the dangerous actions it is currently planning. It is too late to prevent Bill C-102 from becoming law. It is too late to force changes to the Canada Post Corporation Bill in the areas where it violates Parliament's control over supply. It is too late to stop the creation of the CDIC. But it is not too late for us to take a stand against Bill C-123 or against any other measure designed to subvert parliamentary democracy.

In conclusion, let me say to the President of the Treasury Board that the Government should not underestimate our sincerity or our determination to draw the line and to take a stand to prevent this last vestige of parliamentary control from being stripped away. We will fight them in the House. We will fight them in the country. We are prepared to allow the people of Canada to decide whether or not the Government shall be permitted to remove this last parliamentary check on its actions. It is a fight that we dare not lose because the wealth and the liberties of every Canadian hang in the balance.

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie): Mr. Speaker, when I read the wording of the Opposition motion which, in fact, urges greater participation by Members in the management of Crown corporations, I must admit that I found both the subject and the speeches of the previous speakers most interesting. However, with due respect, I was very disappointed, Mr. Speaker, in the speech made by the Right Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Clark).

Mr. Mazankowski: That is not what you told me.

Mr. Deniger: Mr. Speaker, I made notes, because I am always interested in what the Right Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition has to say.

I have about a dozen pages of notes here in my hand, and they are about subjects that are extraneous to the question we should be debating, according to the motion before the House today. The Leader of the Official Opposition talked about internationalism, about Government advertising and he talked about the unemployed with a great deal of concern, but all that is not the subject of the motion before this House. He talked about my colleague from Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) and about several other Members, but he did not speak to the motion under consideration. Mr. Speaker, I wrote on this small scrap

of paper everything he said about today's motion. I wrote down the words: Crown corporations. His contribution to today's debate was just that: Crown corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I am afraid I shall have to conclude that if in today's column, Allan Fotheringham's last words were:

[English]

"Why do they publish evidence of their own ineptitude?"

[Translation]

He must have been anticipating the speech of the Right Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Speaker, it was one of the worst speeches it has been my misfortune to hear.

[English]

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member who is now speaking told me privately that he thought the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) made a brilliant speech.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please.

Mr. Deniger: Obviously the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) misunderstood what I said. If I remember exactly what I said to him, I said that the future of his Leader depended upon his actions. This is what I remember telling him, and he agreed.

I go now to the substance of the motion itself.

[Translation]

I think it is clear, Mr. Speaker, that Crown corporations should be made accountable to Parliament. I think they have been allowed to take it easy and to do just about whatever they wanted to do for far too long. The few times Crown corporations appeared before Parliamentary committees for instance, the Committee on Transport and Communications of which I am Deputy Chairman, and I am referring to Crown corporations such as Air Canada and Canadian National, and there are many others, Mr. Speaker, they gave the impression that, of course, they had to submit to the Committee's questions for three hours, but once the torture was over, they could go home and do whatever they wanted.

Mr. Speaker, in view of that experience, I thought it would be very useful for Hon. Members to have an opportunity to make a more thorough analysis of the activities of Crown corporations. In fact, I was quite convinced, until Canadair—a corporation that was particularly important to Quebecers who believed in the aviation industry and in the benefits of advanced technology—appeared before the Finance Committee. I see the Members opposite, but none of them were on the Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs—at least none of those who are in the House today. But I think the Member for York-Simcoe or was it York-Peel, but in any case, the former President of the Treasury Board asked the President of Canadair some questions. Mr. Speaker, at that time I