

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose) rises for the purpose of asking a question.

Mr. Rose: I was wondering—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member who has the floor has not agreed to accept a question.

[Translation]

Mr. Breau: When the hon. member has the floor I listen to him and I would like the same courtesy extended to me. Let the hon. member resume his seat and try to understand what I am saying instead of interjecting to distort my comments.

Mr. Speaker, nothing is preventing the provinces in the field of social development from—

[English]

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a question of privilege?

Mr. Rose: Mr. Speaker, after I attempted to ask a question, the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Breau) cast reflections on my intelligence. Since he has asked several rhetorical questions about why the provinces of Canada did not get extra benefits—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Rose: —I wonder if he would answer his own question—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Breau).

Mr. Breau: Mr. Speaker, I cannot understand the attitude of the NDP when somebody tries to respond to their problems. Maybe they are so accustomed to being ignored that we should continue to ignore them. Any time I try to rise, the hon. member for Fraser Valley West—

Mr. Alexander: He doesn't like you.

Mr. Breau: —tries to stop me from speaking. I think I am allowed the allotted time to speak, as is any other member.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Alexander: How much time?

Mr. Breau: If the hon. member can't stand the heat, he should walk out. Nobody will miss him.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I simply said that in the social and economic field absolutely nothing is preventing the provinces from setting their own priorities, from determining what should be done with both their financial and mineral resources.

I will conclude by saying that this government and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion are an illustration of how the federal government is simply using its

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taxing and spending power to put funds at the provinces' disposal when they have set their priorities, have planned and have worked at the preparation of projects.

This is an example of our federalism and I do not believe that too many countries can boast of having anything similar.

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take part in the debate on the motion presented by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier), which is so interesting that all hon. members would like to talk on it to the extent that we have been practically deprived of our time in favour of others. It is a little like finance, which deprives us of everything.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to talk about Social Credit and the economy. We talk about an economic not a political matter. While all hon. members, particularly on the government side, talk about political questions only, we of the Social Credit limit ourselves to the economy and the autonomy of the provinces.

Autonomy is the right to administer one's self, to adopt one's own laws and to enact one's own regulations. The provinces are not satisfied, because they have become beggars.

Social Credit wants autonomy not only for the provinces but also for the municipalities, for the family and for the individual. This makes the big difference between Social Credit and the various forms of socialism. They both want a reform that guarantees the economic security and the satisfaction of temporal needs, but Social Credit wants each person to keep the right to dispose of himself, whereas socialism wants the state to dispose of them.

That is what we have now with the Liberal party because it has become a socialist organism in a proportion of nearly 100 per cent.

It is very nice to call the family the essential cell of society, to tell parents that they are their own masters at home, to remind everyone that the family must have an opportunity to bloom; but if there is nothing on the table, if access to the products is not related to the number of mouths to be fed instead of the work imposed, the very concept of the family entity is annihilated.

Mr. Speaker, the same applies to the autonomy of the provinces. We certainly have provinces that are rich in human resources and raw materials but also in ideals. And when thousands of young people and almost as many family heads are reduced to destitution in the face of unused wealth, where then is the autonomy? Where is the right of the provinces to legislate themselves with a view to putting the wealth of the province at the disposal of its citizens?

What keeps the government from placing the fruit of the soil, forests, rivers, sea and mines at the service of the families that are deprived of the most basic things? The lack of the essential element, token money, to which the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) referred today.

Here we have a province—Quebec—with a production which meets the needs of some 6 million in habitants, 5 million of whom are leading a very modest way of life.