would deal with Motion No. 50. Why should CN, CP and the other railroads not be required to reinvest the dollars they obtain from this? If the Government has some good reason, I would like to hear it.

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In terms of freedom of information or access to information, I would like to hear the position on the Government side. It is pretty clear that the entire Opposition in the House is in favour of accessing information from the Senior Grain Transportation Committee. I would like to know the reason for its position.

I would like to refer to another point, the one which the Hon. Member for Provencher (Mr. Epp) attempted to make. I encourage him to stick around for a few hours tonight because the kind of intellectual dishonesty he contributed to the House is something I do not accept. I dealt with him while I was the Constitution critic and did not find that to be part of him then. I would be interested in hearing his comments later tonight to see whether or not there has been a serious change in his character.

Mr. Epp: I will speak again, if you want.

Mr. Fulton: The Hon. Member is trying to paint a picture of the NDP position which is not fact. Canadians out there know what it is.

Mr. Epp: It is a 20 per cent increase.

Mr. Fulton: His blustering and flustering in the House will not change what is known across the country as our position in maintaining the statutory Crow rate.

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take part in the debate tonight, but first I must make a couple of comments on remarks made by certain Members of the House in the debate so far, as I think it is only appropriate.

The last speaker indicated the intellectual dishonesty which exists in accusing certain Hon. Members of the House. I will point out some intellectual dishonesty which I hope he and his colleagues will consider. The Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish) said that farmers did not have a way to put pressure on the railroads and that if the money were paid to farmers, they were not capable in any way of running their own business; that is basically what he tried to tell Hon. Members of the House of Commons. The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton), the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake, and a couple of Members from British Columbia went on to state very emphatically that the payments should go directly to the railroads. On the other hand, they turned around and talked about the railroads, particularly CPR, as being the biggest corporate welfare bums that exist in Canada today. However they voted against a motion in the House which indicated that we would give farmers the freedom to take the money directly from the Government or we would give farmers the option to pay to the railroads. They said "No, you have got to pay it to the railroads". That is where the intellectual dishonesty comes from with the New Democratic Party.

How can Hon. Members of the House representing the New Democratic Party stand and decry on one hand the corporate welfare bums and flail away at them unconsciously and on the other hand turn around and say to little individual farmers, "No, we are not going to pay you directly. We are going to make sure that we pay it to the railroads because we cannot trust you to handle your own money"?

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I know that the Hon. Member would not want to mislead the House. He indicated that at some point in time we voted in the House on a matter which he has now raised with regard to the payment schedule and the method of payment. There was no such vote, ever, during the entire time that this matter has been before the House. Quite clearly the Hon. Member is lying.

Some Hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Kempling: Withdraw.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Do you have no respect for the Chair? It is the old NDP disregard for the parliamentary institution.

Mr. Stevens: They have done it again.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I ask the Hon. Member to withdraw his words, please.

Mr. Deans: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, what exactly was it that you wanted me to withdraw?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: You wouldn't know the difference between the truth and a lie if somebody put it in front of you.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order. This is a debate on extended hours. Perhaps we are all becoming a bit tired. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) knows very well that I wish him to withdraw the words "lying".

Mr. Deans: Withdraw the words "lying"; you mean withdraw the word "lying".

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Yes.

Mr. Deans: Obviously the Hon. Member was not telling the truth, but of course I will withdraw the word "lying". However, I would not want to leave the impression that I thought he was telling the truth.

Mr. Kempling: Isn't that smart?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Whatever happened to the old CCF tradition?

Mr. Deans: Whatever happened to truth?