

come to Ottawa. As years go by and the make-up of the House of Commons changes, as it should do, that argument will become more and more relevant.

Another series of problems that we have with Ottawa as the capital of Canada is that this is very much a company town. The one industry here is Government. This gives rise to all manner of problems. There is no cross-fertilization of ideas between people who are principally involved in government and people who are principally involved in business or some other endeavour. For that reason I think sometimes the decisions made in Ottawa, in the comfortable ivory towers in the capital city, do not reflect the thinking of Canadians who live elsewhere in this country. It is not right when there is an isolation of the people who do the governing from those who are governed. I think there is a lack of knowledge on the part of many people in Ottawa, especially those who work in the

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Government Departments here, pertaining to the real life of Canada and Canadians.

If we were to buy this argument, then we might want to move the capital of Canada to a place like Toronto.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Never.

**Mr. Nickerson:** Or Montreal.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Never.

**Mr. Nickerson:** An even worse suggestion.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Order. The hour provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. It being five o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3, this House stands adjourned until Monday, March 5, 1984, at eleven o'clock a.m.

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

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