

### Government Orders

That is why I oppose this legislation. Although it eliminates a few useless boards and commissions, it does not bite into the functions of government or into the systemic change that the hon. member across the way was mentioning earlier. Although it downsizes a few boards and eliminates a little patronage, it leaves the patronage system entirely intact. If it is left intact it must roll again.

Even this morning when I sat on the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons the last item on the agenda was order in council appointments. There were not many of them, just four, but nobody knows who these people are. There is no way one can stop these appointments. Even the other Liberal members on the committee did not know what it was about. They asked if this was a rubber stamp and the word came back from the clerk that yes, it was a rubber stamp. That is why, as I mentioned earlier, if there is no systemic change I will oppose this legislation.

Allow me to read the following. Some of it has been read before but I think it should be read into the record again. It is a list of patronage appointments being carried by the *Globe and Mail*. It is ironic that the list was compiled by a senator who used to work in Prime Minister Mulroney's office and today enjoys the rich patronage fruits of the old Conservative regime.

If the listener can get over the nauseating hypocrisy of this particular pot calling the kettle black, I will get on with the business of reading a short part of this list. Just to get your blood boiling listen to a few appointments that the Liberals have made. Don Johnston, former Liberal Party president to the OECD. It cost \$100,000 just to win enough favour to get him. Richard Kroft, director of the CNR. Jack Wiebe, the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. Nova Scotia Liberal fundraiser Robert Pace has somehow become a director of Canadian National and his partner in Nova Scotia, Mervyn Russell, is now chair of Halifax Port Corporation.

Robert Wright, a negotiator for the Pearson Development Consortium, did a really good job. I think he pretty nearly has the government into court now for a few hundred million dollars. Anyway, he was the Prime Minister's chief fundraiser for his leadership campaign and his services now cost us \$1,000 per day. The whole Pearson deal was a Tory patronage boondoggle in the first place and the Liberals won the election partly by denouncing Tory patronage. I guess it is only fitting that one be appointed to investigate it.

I am sure all Canadians are happy that the Prime Minister's friend is benefiting from the old Tory patronage scheme in the same sort of a Liberal way I guess.

I will resume my list. Jean Cordeau, chief aboriginal organizer for the Prime Minister, is now director of Petro-Canada. That

obviously tied together. David Maclean, a fundraiser for the Prime Minister's leadership campaign, is now chairman of CN Rail. Gary McCauley, a former Liberal MP, is now on the Immigration and Refugee Board, one of my favourites. He makes about \$85,000 a year. Congratulations, Gary. Former Liberal candidate Bill Code somehow found his way to the NAFTA disputes panel. Yves Caron, a former Liberal MP, is now commissioner of the Canadian pension commission.

Michael McDonald, the financial agent for the minister of public works, is now a director at Enterprise Cape Breton. The minister of goodies is still at it. Andrew Ogarcenko, a well known Liberal from Winnipeg—not to me—is now the director of the National Arts Centre. He is the director of the National Arts Centre which is a great job. Perhaps that is why in Question Period today the Minister of Canadian Heritage mentioned that the Liberal Party is doing an excellent job of promoting culture in Canada. Of course a Liberal would be able to do that at the arts centre.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health had a very good campaign manager in the last election and he has received his award. Ron Longstaffe is now chair of the Vancouver Port Corporation.

Inderjit Bal was a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board for a while. He received his reward after organizing delegates for the Prime Minister and, who else, the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration. Unfortunately, Mr. Bal had to resign after it was found that he had entered Canada illegally himself. Otherwise, he was very well qualified in all Liberal aspects.

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Richard Campbell is another campaign manager, this one for the Secretary of State for Veterans. He is now director of Marine Atlantic. We also have a judge or two. Judge Thomas Lofchik was with the Ontario Court of Appeal, a prominent Liberal organizer in Hamilton. I am sure that his appointment and his political involvements are just a coincidence. We have another judge, Federal Court Trial Judge Jean Richard. What was his connection? He was a partner of the Prime Minister in his old law firm. How about James Langston, former Liberal fund raiser and organizer, now on the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

The taxpayers will be happy to see that the totally pure system of justice is being used in this way. I could go on and on and on.

We have directors at the Bank of Canada, a host of appointees to powerful quasi-judicial panels and boards of large corporations. Patronage, I am sad to say, has even reached as high as the highest appointment in the land, that of the Governor General of Canada. He will be installed tomorrow, God bless him. On this side of the House we wish him well.