

NAYS

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Allmand	Fox	Marchand
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(Lincoln)	Gillespie	McIsaac
Baker	Goodale	McRae
(Gander-Twillingate)	Goyer	Milne
Basford	Gray	Morin (Mrs.)
Béchar	Guay	Nicholson (Miss)
Bégin (Miss)	(St. Boniface)	O'Connell
Blais	Guay	Ouellet
Boulangier	(Lévis)	Parent
Breau	Guilbault	Pelletier
Bussièrès	Haidasz	(Hochelaga)
Caccia	Herbert	Pelletier
Cafik	Hopkins	(Sherbrooke)
Campagnolo (Mrs.)	Isabelle	Penner
Campbell	Jamieson	Philbrook
(LaSalle-Émard-Côte	Joyal	Pinard
Saint-Paul)	Kaplan	Portelance
Caron	Lachance	Poulin
Chrétien	Lajoie	Prud'homme
Clermont	Lalonde	Railton
Collenette	Landers	Reid
Comtois	Lang	Richardson
Condon	Langlois	Roberts
Corbin	Laniel	Robinson
Corriveau	Lapointe	Rompkey
Côté	Leblanc	Rooney
Cullen	(Laurier)	Roy
Cyr	LeBlanc	(Timmins)
Danson	(Westmorland-Kent)	Roy
Daudlin	Lee	(Laval)
De Bané	Lefebvre	Sauvé (Mrs.)
Demers	Lessard	Sharp
Dionne	Loiselle	Smith
(Northumberland-	(Chambly)	(Saint-Jean)
Miramichi)	Loiselle	Stanbury
Douglas	(Saint-Henri)	Stewart
(Bruce-Grey)	Lumley	(Cochrane)
Drury	MacDonald	Stollery
Duclos	(Cardigan)	Tessier
Dupont	Macdonald	Trudeau
Dupras	(Rosedale)	Turner
Duquet	MacEachen	(London East)
Ethier	MacFarlane	Turner
Fleming	MacGuigan	(Ottawa-Carleton)
Flynn	Maine	Watson
		Yanakis
		Young—125.

That Bill C-8, An Act to establish a national petroleum company, be amended by striking out subclause 5(3), lines 24 to 29 inclusive on page 2.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: If there is no other honourable Member wishing to contribute to the point, with the greatest of respect to the honourable Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), it seems to me that his argument is somewhat self-defeating. He used the example of Polymer Corporation and indicated that at one time it was a Crown corporation. Parliament later expressed the desire or the will that that situation be changed, and through the vehicle of the Canada Development Corporation and steps taken by Parliament that status was changed. What the honourable Member is proposing by way of his amendment is to change the character of this corporation at this stage of the legislation. It may be that future Parliaments may want to propose amending legislation which would change the basic character of this corporation from a Crown corporation to something which is not a Crown corporation.

In his closing statement the honourable Member described what Canadian people believe a Crown corporation to be; that is, a corporation, just like any other corporation except that the shares are held by the Crown.

In his amendments, the honourable Member proposes that the shares would be restructured in such a way as to give effect to the second amendment, Motion numbered 2, so as to make the shares transferable to the public; in other words, not to be a Crown corporation, but a corporation in which the shares could be purchased by the public. That seems an inescapable fundamental variation from the principle of the Bill, which is to establish a Crown corporation.

To give effect to the amendments of the honourable Member would mean that it would not be a Crown corporation, and I cannot think of anything which more plainly flies in the face of the principle of setting up a Crown corporation. His amendment would set up a corporation which is not a Crown corporation.

If the honourable Member had proposed these amendments at second reading, I think he would have had great difficulty. If he had proposed them at committee stage, he probably would have had even greater difficulty because while there are amendments to specific clauses at that stage, his amendments attack the basic principle of the Bill. But to try to introduce this new concept at the report stage of the Bill seems to me not only to fly in the face of the basic principle of the Bill, but procedurally to do it at a stage which is much too late in the game. If it could have been attempted, it should have been attempted at second reading, and frankly I am not persuaded at all that it would have succeeded at that stage either.

With the greatest of respect to the honourable Member, who expressed his intentions clearly, it seems inescapable that the amendments fly directly in the face of

The Order being read for the consideration of the report stage of Bill C-8, An Act to establish a national petroleum company, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works;

And a point of order having been raised as to the procedural acceptability of Motion numbered 1 standing in the name of the honourable Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) as follows:

That Bill C-8, An Act to establish a national petroleum company, be amended in subclause 5(1) by striking out lines 15 and 16 on page 2 and substituting therefor the following:

"hundred million common shares of the par value of five dollars each."

And on Motion numbered 2 standing in the name of the honourable Member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) as follows: