

and that the government and the union representatives will resume bargaining without preconditions.

I am wondering if the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader could give us some reassurance on that.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that the information I have is that the employees will be going back to work and that the government representatives of Treasury Board and the union members will be returning to the bargaining table, I assume very quickly thereafter, to accomplish what they can in terms of their negotiations.

Mr. Dingwall: I have a further clarification, Mr. Speaker. President Daryl Bean to whom I spoke just a few moments ago indicated that the parties were supposed to be going to a news conference to outline these various factors. I wonder if the parliamentary secretary can confirm that both parties will be announcing shortly thereafter this particular order that in fact they will be going to press.

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Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I can again confirm that the information I have received is that both parties will be holding a joint conference in a few minutes, which will outline the conditions and understandings that they have entered into together.

Mr. Dingwall: Finally, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the parliamentary secretary has given those clarifications and those undertakings to the House, we are happy to be able to give our consent to this particular motion. They have accepted in its entirety the position of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to seek clarification. The parliamentary secretary to the government House leader indicated that the vote at second reading would be deemed deferred. There is an amendment that we must deal with as well. I assume that the amendment would be included in that and the vote will be deferred until tomorrow.

Business of the House

I simply want to say that this motion is possible today because of a tremendous amount of co-operation on all sides, to say nothing of the tremendous work done by my colleague from Mission—Coquitlam. This is possible today because of a generosity that was shown on both the government side as well as the union side, and this is witness to that co-operation.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker, we, members of the Bloc Québécois, are also happy that both parties went back to the bargaining table. My colleagues, the member for Laurier—Sainte-Marie and the member for Hull—Aylmer, have asked for two days that both parties go back to the bargaining table. In that sense, we can only agree with the process started today.

However, I know that there has been lots of consultations. In our case, they did not last more than a few minutes. I hope that the government will not use that as a precedent. I know that the situation in which the parties are today is delicate, inside as well as outside the House. I know that. But I hope that there will be more cooperation in this new Parliament and session, that we will have a little more than five minutes for speeches.

So we too are happy to give our unanimous consent.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for the indications of co-operation. I want to also advise him that in dealing with him I never consider anything that he does with me a precedent of future behaviour. I also want to indicate that yes, it is our very clear understanding that all of the questions necessary to dispose of second reading of Bill C-29 will have deemed to have been put and deferred until tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: Does the parliamentary secretary have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: The House heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.