

Division

Several members have asked the minister and the government to express their opinion on the matter. The minister did not answer the question; he is probably in favour. At all events, I want to move this amendment without resuming the debate, since I expressed my opinion this afternoon. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Chapleau, Mr. Laprise:

That Bill No. C-251 be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole house for the purpose of reconsidering the advisability, while being of the opinion that the necessary steps be taken to ensure to senior Canadian citizens an adequate pension, that no legislation providing for a service of old age security in Canada would be sufficient, unless providing for a system of fiscal compensation for any province wishing to establish its autonomous old age security program.

An hon. Member: The amendment is not in order.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: As hon. members will have surmised, there is some question in the mind of the Chair at the moment whether this amendment is acceptable. I do not propose to rule on it without inviting hon. members to express their opinions on the procedural aspect of the amendment moved by the hon. member for Sherbrooke, though I might say that I have serious reservations about it.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: I am prepared to make a ruling now.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I would refer hon. members to May, seventeenth edition, at page 571, and perhaps more particularly to Beauchesne, fourth edition, at page 288, citation 418. It will be found from these citations that the proposition advanced by the hon. member is beyond the scope of the bill and is actually not included in the principle of the bill.

● (11:30 p.m.)

Hon. members know that there is an essential difference between amendments which may be moved on second reading and amendments moved on third reading. The scope of amendments on third reading is much more limited than on second reading, and this is borne out by citation 418 in Beauchesne's fourth edition. I do not think it is necessary for me to read it for hon. members, and if they consult it I am sure they will agree with the Chair that the amendment cannot be accepted at the present time.

[Translation]

For those reasons, I must rule that the amendment moved by the hon. member for Sherbrooke is out of order.

[English]

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the main motion. Mr. MacEachen, seconded by Mr. Pickersgill, moves that Bill C-251, an act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be now read the third time. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

Mr. Fulton: You will observe, Mr. Speaker, that they are voting against their own bill.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. MacEachen) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Addison	Clermont
Aiken	Comtois
Alkenbrack	Côté (Longueuil)
Asselin	Crossman
(Richmond-Wolfe)	Crouse
Barnett	Davis
Basford	Dionne
Batten	Drury
Béchar	Dubé
Beer	Duquet
Bell (Saint John-Albert)	Enns
Berger	Fane
Blouin	Faulkner
Boulanger	Fawcett
Bower	Forest
Byrne	Forrestall
Cadioux (Terrebonne)	Fulton
Cameron (Nanaimo- Cowichan-The Islands)	Gendron
Cantin	Gilbert
Chatwood	Godin
Choquette	Graffey
Chrétien	Gray
Churchill	Greene
Clancy	Grills
	Guay