

*Yellowknife Electric Ltd.*

**Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of my Party, we support the motion to refer this Bill to committee. I certainly appreciate the Hon. Member's point about it being largely an administrative matter, and we do not intend to be obstructionist, but there are several points that I believe are worthy of committee consideration, both for the protection of the petitioner as well as to give credibility to the decisions that this House makes.

It has already been stated that this involves a duly registered company which failed to file the required summaries and was dissolved. That dissolution is listed in *The Canada Gazette*.

I recognize that many small companies perhaps do not even have the resources to be monitoring such things, but when such a company comes before the House of Commons for discussion I think it is a more serious matter. Given that the company did not recognize that it was dissolved and continued to operate for close to another 20 years, one assumes that it did not submit the required summaries during that time, as it had not done before dissolution. Therefore, while not suggesting that there was a deliberate intent to mislead, certainly the company displayed poor management practices. Furthermore, while we are not discussing the assets which the company wishes to recover, we are not aware of their dollar value.

Given that there have been some rather unorthodox practices by this company which continued to operate for 20 years in which it presumably did not even submit the required summaries, we are supporting the motion that the Bill go to committee.

However, being from the north myself, I realize that these companies often work with very small resources and may overlook such things. Therefore, I hope the committee could expedite this as quickly as possible so that the matter can be redressed in the best manner possible.

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Madam Speaker, I can assure you that I will be brief. The reason I am speaking is that the company is located in the area that I represent.

Today we are dealing with a very simple administrative, *pro forma* type of matter. It is almost unbelievable that the NDP would be so obstructionist as not to allow all three stages of the

Bill to be dealt with this afternoon. There is absolutely no reason why we should debate it, at considerable expense to the taxpayers of Canada and to the company officials involved. However, if that is the way they like to operate, I guess we must live with them.

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What I do want to do, Madam Speaker, is to pay tribute to the Yellowknife Electric Company, which has not operated now for several years but at one time was a force to be reckoned with in the electrical contracting field, and to pay tribute to the principles of that company, in particular Mr. Al Marceau, who has done much for the City of Yellowknife over many years. I promised to be brief, Madam Speaker, and I was brief.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

**Mr. Lewis:** Madam Speaker, I think you would find a disposition in the House to call it three o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Is there unanimous consent to call it three o'clock on this beautiful Friday afternoon?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** It being three o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 2.21 p.m.