

Government Orders

• (1030)

After consultations those motions standing in the name of the hon. members for Yorkton—Melville and for Skeena will not be selected.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 10 and 11, standing in the name of the hon. member for Ottawa West, are similar and, after consultation, Motion No. 10 will not be selected. Motion No. 11 will be grouped with Motion No. 12, standing in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie, for the purposes of debate, but these motions will be voted on as follows:

(a) if Motion No. 11 is agreed to, it will not be necessary to vote on Motion No. 12;

(b) if Motion No. 11 is negated, it will be necessary to vote on Motion No. 12.

[*English*]

Motions Nos. 15, 24, 27, 36, 39, 42, 45, 46 and 51 standing in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie all seek to introduce new concepts and elements which go beyond the scope of the bill as agreed to at second reading. Therefore in accordance with Beauchesne's citation 698(1) these motions are out of order and will not be selected.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 30, 33 and 54, standing in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie, will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

(a) if Motion No. 30 is agreed to, it will not be necessary to vote on Motions Nos. 33 and 54;

(b) if Motion No. 30 is negated, it will be necessary to vote on Motion No. 33;

(c) if Motion No. 33 is agreed to, it will not be necessary to vote on Motion No. 54;

(d) if Motion No. 33 is negated, it will be necessary to vote on Motion No. 54.

[*English*]

I shall now propose Motions Nos. 1, 4, 7, 18, 21, 57, 60 and 63 to the House.

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie) moved:

Motion No. 1.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 1.

Motion No. 4.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 2.
Motion No. 7.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 3.
Motion No. 18.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 5.
Motion No. 21.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 6.
Motion No. 57.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 8.
Motion No. 60.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 9.
Motion No. 63.

That Bill C-110 be amended by deleting Clause 10.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to speak to this whole host of amendments. I appreciate the assistance of the Clerk in putting the motions in appropriate groupings.

• (1035)

I do not think it takes a great deal of reasoning to figure out that in attempting to delete clause by clause each clause in this bill, we were trying to get the point across that we wanted to disembowel the whole bill if you will, to negate it in its entirety. Trying to speak to each one of those perhaps would be difficult, so I think the groupings are very appropriate.

At this time it allows us to put a general perspective on why we oppose the bill. Certainly this is a chronology of how not to get legislation through any legislative body, in this case the House of Commons. This is an experience in how not to do it. One could probably write a book on how it came to this point.

Now we are at the eleventh hour and the fifty-ninth minute. There will be time allocation and we will debate it on Monday and Tuesday. There are those who say: "Enough already; we have spoken to this bill. We have had public hearings for three years. Everything that has to be said has been said". In the words of Public Works, there are studies from the floor to the ceiling in the minister's office on the impact of the positives and negatives of this bill.

The bottom line is even though that has transpired and even though all of those studies are available and completed, the fact is there is still a pending court case and the ultimate environmental study has never been done. Even though all of that has transpired the opponents to the fixed link are saying: "Our questions have not yet been answered".