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had the long experience of assembling financial systems and the industrial workplace. Also they had the kind of social discipline which goes with the development of a manufacturing or industrial base, as well as health and educational systems. These are the subtle, sophisticated human infrastructures which Third and Fourth World countries by and large do not have. If we are serious in our commitments to assisting those in need and about our efforts to ensure that developing countries become more self-sufficient and more self-reliant, it seems to me that we should focus our attention on areas which assist in the development of sophisticated human infrastructures, avoid the white elephant syndrome upon which many developing countries are built, and concentrate on fundamental issues such as health care and education.

That is all I have to say. I am looking forward to this Bill moving very quickly to Committee stage so that a thorough examination can take place, particularly in terms of a detailed accounting of how these moneys are likely to be spent, the kinds of activities in which these various institutions participate, and a commitment to ensure that human rights violations and those most in need of aid receive adequate consideration.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder whether I might now ask the Parliamentary Secretary if he and his Members will allow the question to be put on this measure.

Mr. Smith: I am shocked that the Hon. Member would need to ask that. Obviously, if no one from this side rises or no one from the other side rises, the question will be put.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nielsen: On division.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay)—External Affairs—International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis.

(b) Attendance of Canadian National Railways' vice-president; the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor)—Mines and Mining—Courier service expense; the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie)—Veterans Affairs—Pension recommendation made by United Veterans Organization. (b) Introduction of legislation.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CUSTOMS TARIFF

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of State (Finance)) moved that Bill C-90, to amend the Customs Tariff and to repeal certain Acts in consequence thereof, be read the third time and do pass.

He said: Mr. Speaker, as Hon. Members of the House are aware, Bill C-90 received second reading last week. It proposes several important amendments to the Customs Tariff besides implementing a number of strictly technical or housekeeping changes.

At this time I should like to provide a few background comments on the principles behind some of the measures in the Bill and to touch briefly upon some matters which were raised by Hon. Members opposite in the Committee hearings on the Bill last week which followed second reading. I do this because obviously Hon. Members were concerned about some specific areas and about the process by which the public had been consulted. Also they were concerned as to whether certain industry representatives had an opportunity to comment upon the provisions before the House.

For example, I have the distinct recollection that the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) was concerned about a particular industry and raised questions about the consultative process with the Provinces and with industry representatives. I undertook to provide specifics in answer to those questions, and I am pleased that he is present in the House today so that I can do so.

The provisions of Bill C-90 were originally introduced in a notice of ways and means motion tabled in conjunction with the budget of November 12, 1981. Provisionally the measures took effect on November 13, which is the traditional practice. Considering the desirability of implementing the substantive tariff measures in the Bill, such as those dealing with general preferential tariffs or with the miscellaneous reductions in Schedule III of the Bill, the Government in fact consulted closely with interested parties in Canada.

I want to set out briefly the major provisions of the Bill and what the Bill involved. First is the updating of a number of