

However, the problem is, in my opinion, that this cannot be done unless the government includes a clause to that effect in the bill before second reading. That is the problem we have today. There is no amendment to the Constitution Act in Bill C-69. So the hon. member cannot use an amendment to make this kind of change in the bill. He must do so in a separate bill which is not now before the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): A short comment by the hon. member for Bellechasse, because I do not want to get into debate.

Mr. Langlois: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. Where the bill refers to section 51 of the Constitution Act, 1867, as amended in 1986, what we want to do is not change this provision but simply say that for the purposes of Bill C-69, it should be interpreted in such and such a way. I believe that is all I wanted to say.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Order. I have listened carefully to the representations made by the parliamentary secretary and the hon. member for Bellechasse with respect to Bill C-69 and, more specifically, Motion No. 4. I will take the arguments presented by both members on Motion No. 4 under advisement.

[English]

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): I also want to advise the House of the ruling of the Speaker on Bill C-69.

There are seven motions in amendment standing on the Notice Paper for the report stage of Bill C-69, an act to provide for the establishment of electoral boundaries commissions and the readjustment of electoral boundaries.

[Translation]

Motion No. 6 has been withdrawn. Motions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 will be grouped for the purposes of debate. A vote on Motion No. 1 will apply to Motions Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 7.

[English]

Before proposing Motions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 to the House, I believe the Speaker will want to proceed with the next order of business. We will follow up on Bill C-69 following question period.

[Translation]

The Speaker: My dear colleagues, it being 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 30(5), we will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

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STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

EDUCATION

Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, during the recent recovery, 433,000 jobs were created in Canada. However a closer analysis will show that there is a disturbing problem underlying this.

Young people with a university education had a 25 per cent increase in the number of jobs. Those who had some level of diploma program after high school had a 14 per cent increase in jobs.

However, those who had only a high school education had a 23 per cent decline in the number of job opportunities. Accordingly it is very important for all Canadians to do what they can to encourage our young people to pursue their education.

The national high school dropout rate is 18 per cent. This is not acceptable for Canadians. I urge all members to do what they can to address this serious problem. As we all know, an investment today in our youth is an investment in our future for all Canadians.

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[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Gilbert Fillion (Chicoutimi, BQ): Mr. Speaker, after cutting \$5.5 billion on the backs of the unemployed in 1994-95, and at least \$700 million in the latest budget, the government continues to hound the unemployed by hiring 600 new UI investigators.

From the government's cuts to unemployment insurance, we learned that the Liberals' new job creation credo was to consider the unemployed lazy. Now the government considers them cheats as well.

In the meantime, the government's measures to recover \$6.6 billion in unpaid income taxes are not enough to remedy the situation. With the banks reaping profits of over \$5 billion, the government is asking them supposedly to do their share by paying temporary income taxes of \$100 million. The government's priorities are more than questionable, to say the least.

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[English]

ARTS

Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, this is certainly a proud day for Calgarians. Yesterday Calgary's Jan Arden swept the Juno awards by winning in three categories: female vocalist of the year, best single of the year and songwriter.