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use of the word "pleased". I accepted the motion, recognizing that it was somewhat redundant, but in the interests of being co-operative, as we on this side, try to be, I went along with it.

I take exception to some of the comments made by the NDP, who spoke about the wall of bureaucrats, the army of bureaucrats sitting at meetings of the committee. From time to time in committee we ask hon. members who ask questions if we could have some of those questions in advance so we could put them to members of the bureaucracy who could give us the answers that are required. We could then have a full and open discussion. Unfortunately, we have no way of predicting what is in the minds of the members of the NDP, so we must have available the various experts from the departments just in case a particular question is asked.

From time to time we did, in fact, try to cut down the number of civil servants present because, frankly, they would be much happier back in the departments doing what they are being paid to do. But then we had members opposite saying, "You have all the experts. We should have the answers today. But if you want the answers, you will have to have the bureaucrats there with the knowledge and the expertise." A little co-operation from the other side would go a long way toward saving the taxpayers some money.

**Mr. Blais:** Yes, and a little bit of preparation.

**Mr. Cullen:** I was interested to find that the correspondence between my good friend, Freida, and myself had gone astray to some extent. That it is now in the hands of members of the NDP.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** That is why I asked you the question.

**Mr. Cullen:** It is an excellent letter, with excellent recommendations and suggestions, but it seems to me that what the hon. lady was talking about was the situation in the past as she saw it—and these were the concerns I expressed. I met on two occasions with Dr. Hawkins about what we could do to improve the role of the advisory council to give it a meaningful role and let it know that it does have the ear of the minister and will be able to meet from time to time, either informally or formally, with the minister so that we can have a full and frank discussion. I will make no further comment on Dr. Hawkins' letter other than to say that these are areas which were of concern to me even before I received the letter from Dr. Hawkins in areas that we discussed.

The last item which should be commented on is the comments of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes) on the input from the front-line troops. I tell you candidly that it is welcome. It is a role that a member of parliament should play. He should go to the Manpower and UI offices to raise those questions either for political purposes in the House or for whatever reason, or with the minister to see if something can be done and that it can be, as we say in press terms, not attributable to anyone. I hope that no one in this department would have any concern about making good suggestions or recommendations to this minister about ways in which we

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might go about improving the department and in which we can serve the general public. I thank hon. members for their comments. For the reasons given, I cannot accept motion No. 2. I am prepared to accept motion No. 3 although, as I indicated, I feel it is redundant.

**Mr. Alexander:** Mr. Speaker, at times it is like pulling teeth to get the minister to agree, but I would say that since the minister has accepted a portion of the first amendment, does he not want the second amendment but is prepared to accept the third amendment? We are making some progress in this place.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** It is my understanding that motions No. 2 and No. 3 are grouped together for the purpose of debate, but that they will have two separate votes. The question is on motion No. 2 in the name of the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander). All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on motion No. 2 stands deferred. The question is now on motion No. 3, in the name of the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration)** moved motion No. 4:

That Bill C-27, an act to establish the Department of Employment and Immigration, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 and to amend certain other statutes in consequence thereof, be amended in clause 26 by adding immediately after line 23 at page 11, the following new subclause:

"(9) Section 2 of the said act is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

"(3) Where, for any purposes, the use of rate of unemployment produced by Statistics Canada is required under this act or the regulations, the rates used by the commission shall be those most recently produced at the time it is appropriate or necessary for the commission to make a final determination in respect of or involving the use of those rates."

He said: Mr. Speaker, the motion I am proposing, motion No. 4, is that we amend clause 26 of Bill C-27 for the purpose