Immigration Act, 1976

The Liberal Party governed with an iron fist. The voices of criticism in their own ranks were few and far between no matter how deficient the legislation. It is somewhat surprising to see Members and cabinet Ministers of the former Government advocating that government Members break ranks when it never happened when the Liberal Government ruled with an iron fist. One can only hope that these recent conversions may be a permanent feature of that Party.

This legislation should not be passed by the House. I believe that the Members who have worked diligently in opposition to this Bill have done a great service to the country and I congratulate our critic and the Member for La Prairie who, finding himself at odds with his Party and the Government's position, acquitted himself very well in the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on the Motion No. 67 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion, the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

[Translation]

The next question is on Motion No. 68 in the name of the Hon. Member for La Prairie (Mr. Jourdenais). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The recorded division stands deferred.

• (1210)

[English]

I have been asked to remind the House of the motions that are left on Bill C-55. We have Motions Nos. 73, 74, 75, 76 and 77 which will be debated separately and voted on separately.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, having examined Motions Nos. 73, 74, 76 and 77, I find they have the common characteristic that they essentially clean-up the Bill in a number of different areas the committee did not quite get to. I wonder if it might be the general feeling in the House that it would be wise to deal with these motions as a group because they have a similar purpose? We could vote on them separately but debate them together.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There has been a proposal to group Motions Nos. 73, 74, 76 and 77 together for debate but to vote on them separately.

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, my only concern is that the last five amendments are Government amendments. I would like to have a proper hearing for each of those motions. I think it would be good if the House knew exactly the intentions of each of those amendments. That is why, while they may be similar, if we group them I do not think we will have a proper individual positioning by the government Members. Therefore, I would favour an individual debate.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, if that is the concern of the Hon. Member opposite, perhaps we can start with the Parliamentary Secretary, who could go through the four motions and tell us why they are necessary for clean-up. Then we might proceed from there. I wonder if that would be satisfactory to the Member from the Liberal Party?

Mr. Marchi: Perhaps we might find another compromise. If the Parliamentary Secretary wants to deal with the four motions, perhaps we can extend the time for debate from 10 minutes to 15 minutes, or up to 20 minutes, so that all of these matters will be properly aired and save time in the end as well.

Mr. Hawkes: I think, Mr. Speaker, with the consent of the House, that would probably be acceptable. It would enable us to keep our heads on that matter and it would still leave Motion No. 75 for subsequent debate.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent that Motion No. 73 to Motion No. 77 be grouped for debate—does the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes) include Motion No. 75 in that group?

Mr. Hawkes: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The unanimous consent required, therefore, would be to group Motions Nos. 73, 74, 76 and 77 for debate, but they would be voted on separately. The speaking time allowable for a Member would be 15 minutes