

on the Order Paper and we will be debating and voting on them soon.

As members of the committee studied the three principles of the Bill, they agonized whether they were doing the right thing. The committee often received opinions from both sides of the question and, as stated by the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner), members were involving themselves in the lives of other people and therefore had to make decisions according to the governmental process now in effect, according to the Act which has been rarely amended. As I watched members of the committee perform, they attempted to do everything possible in their experience to be fair to all sides involved in the question. I believe they did everything possible under the rules to be fair to the bands because they are the groups who have held their culture together.

During the last 100 years, the Government has put numerous roadblocks in their way and a review of history makes one wonder how many bands in this country have been able to exist. However, they did so through tenacious survival tactics.

When we make these changes again and involve ourselves in their lives, we must be cognizant that we do not involve ourselves in future injustices that will result from legislation that may appear to be an attempt to put one more solid punch between the eyes before Government gets itself out of the process and allows Indian people to become self governing bodies within the Canadian concept of society.

At this time we are discussing an important amendment about the treatment of children. It is a difficult decision to be made by Members in the House. I know that as we make the decision every consideration will be given to the debate that is put forward and the fact that we are involving ourselves in the lives of people. They are not machines that can be manipulated and dealt with inhumanely. We are dealing with people's lives today and in the future. We are determining how they will exist in this country. As we make these decisions, I hope Members are cognizant of that.

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

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on Motion No. 1 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields).

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 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.

Indian Act

Motion No. 1 negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The next group of motions consists of Motions Nos. 5A, 6, 7 and 18A.

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moves:

Motion No. 5A

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 44 to 49 at page 3 and lines 1 to 24 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"1951, under subparagraph 12(1)(a)(iii) pursuant to an order made under subsection 109(1), as each provision read immediately prior to April 17, 1985, or under any former provision of this Act relating to the same subject-matter as any of those provisions;

(e) the name of that person was omitted or deleted from the Indian Register, or from a band list prior to September 4, 1951,

(i) under section 13, as it read immediately prior to September 4, 1951, or under any former provision of this Act relating to the same subject-matter as that section, or

(ii) under section 111, as it read immediately prior to July 1, 1920, or under any former provision of this Act relating to the same subject-matter as that section; or".

Recommendation

(pursuant to Standing Order 79(6))

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Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands) moves:

Motion No. 6

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 3 to 10 at page 4.

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca) moves:

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 9 and 10 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"(B) to enable that person to satisfy an occupational qualification to maintain or obtain employment, or".

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moves:

Motion No. 18A

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4

(a) by striking out line 17 and 18 at page 8 and substituting the following therefor:

"tered under paragraph 6(1)(c) and ceased to be a member of that".

(b) by striking out lines 39 to 45 at page 8 and substituting the following therefor:

"for the band