

Mr. Breau: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that we were very co-operative in not debating the two motions. The reason we wanted to make speeches was because we did not take the time at the first stage. I remind the President of the Privy Council that in the case of Bill C-10 and with other bills it will go a lot quicker if we get the opportunity to discuss them in this forum with the ministers.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I appreciate the point. Because of that courtesy extended to me, we are making available ministers and parliamentary secretaries for the purpose of answering questions. The process will work in that way. I also say there is a reasonable limit to the process. I will be discussing with the opposition House leader and my friend, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, their judgment as to what the limit ought to be. I hope we can get some reasonable definitiveness, without curtailing the rights of the House.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, partly following on my colleague's comments, I should draw to Your Honour's attention that while we have had two days on this bill, there has not been one question specifically in relation to any of the items in the bill. It has been a discourse prompted by certain members of the opposition without literally touching on one point that is in this bill.

I suggest, with all due respect, that some consideration be given between now and Tuesday, or Monday if the bill is reached then, to this whole question of speakers having some relevance to what they are questioning on or speaking about. Surely it is a misuse of the whole parliamentary process to have a bill before us, where we are at the clause by clause stage and have agreed to stand all the provisions down to schedule D, and that, notwithstanding that co-operation, there has not been a question dealing with any item in the bill.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I do not want to drag this out, but it seems that is an unfair comment that should not be left on the record unanswered. Let me answer it by speaking on behalf of my friends in the Liberal party, not on behalf of my own friends.

The President of the Treasury Board says there has not been a single question about any item in the bill. Fisheries and Oceans are in the bill. That is what my friends have been talking about all afternoon. There are in schedule D, estimates for fisheries and oceans. It is in order to ask questions about what is in the schedule. I do not know what the President of the Treasury Board is talking about.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. Rather than have further comments, perhaps this can be raised at the next sitting of the Committee of the Whole.

It being past four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order, paper, namely notices of motions, public bills, private bills.

Constitution

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[Translation]

Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, today I think we will discuss notice of motion No. 11 presented by the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. MacGuigan). Could all the other notices of motion be stood by unanimous consent of the House?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The House has heard the hon. parliamentary secretary's request. Shall all motions before motion No. 11 be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTED COMMITMENT TO CERTAIN GOALS

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Windsor-Walkerville) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, a new constitution for Canada should specifically commit Canada to the goals of

- (a) promoting international peace and security;
- (b) maintaining just and honourable relations between nations;
- (c) fostering respect for international law and treaty obligations;
- (d) encouraging the settlement of international disputes by arbitration; and
- (e) transferring agreed national powers to world authorities when this would facilitate world peace.

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

Mr. MacGuigan: Mr. Speaker, I would not object if the House were ready for the question, but I think we want to have some discussion on this issue. The very purpose of putting it on the order paper was to give us an opportunity for some extended discussion.

I am very pleased to move this motion, not only on my personal behalf but on behalf of the World Federalist Parliamentary Association which, in a sense, is the real sponsor of this motion. Perhaps I might begin by again reading it and then making some further comments. It is moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, a new constitution for Canada should specifically commit Canada to the goals of

- (a) promoting international peace and security;
- (b) maintaining just and honourable relations between nations;
- (c) fostering respect for international law and treaty obligations;
- (d) encouraging the settlement of international disputes by arbitration; and
- (e) transferring agreed national powers to world authorities when this would facilitate world peace.

The parliamentary association of world federalists is a grouping of members and senators, some 100 in number, who are devoted in a broad way not only to the cause of world peace but to achieving world peace through forms of federalism in the world. I have had the honour of being the chairman