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Mr. Taylor: How many do you have in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia?

Mr. Bockstael: We have worked assiduously over a period of months to achieve what we have accomplished. We have improved the charter. We have improved the Constitution. It is now ready to be voted on and terminated tonight. But we have acquiesced to the demands of the opposition. They have said that legality is the question. They have said to take it to the Supreme Court. Thus, the resolution will be referred to the Supreme Court, and when it comes back we will deal with it expeditiously. We will send it for the seal of approval, which is no different than what we do here every day of the year. In this House we enact laws. We send those laws to the Senate where they are concurred in. Then the representative of the Queen, the Governor General, gives royal assent to it. All we are doing, once we have approved it here, is to perform our duties as parliamentarians. We are sending this resolution to England for that final royal assent, and hereafter we will be able to deal with our own policies, our own Constitution, our own rights in this country, by Canadians for Canadians.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I realize that my time is short-

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Halliday: I think I would be remiss if I did not say one thing, that is, that the pathetic scene we have just witnessed in this House now where, after a speech which was full of so much tripe, delivered by the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Bockstael)-

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. It being 9.45 p.m., it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the amendments, pursuant to the provisions of the order made on Wednesday, April 8, 1981.

[English]

The question is on the amendment standing in the name of the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp).

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

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Some hon. Members: Nav.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the navs have it.

And more than five members having risen:

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Epp) which was negatived on the following division:

• (2215)

(Division No. 57)

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