

cratic Party. I would like to move the motion, if the rules of the House will allow me to do that at this time.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert):** The Hon. Member can move the motion only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Epp:** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Members of the House for the courtesy extended to us.

Therefore, I move:

That Bill C-12 be amended

(a) by adding, immediately after line 25 on page 7, the following:

"9. The said Act is further amended by adding thereto, immediately after section 24 thereof, the following section:

"24.1 (1) The Secretary of State shall cause to be laid before each House of Parliament, not later than the fifth sitting day of that House after the 31st day of January next following the end of each fiscal year that begins after March 31, 1984, a report for that fiscal year on

- (a) cash contributions and total equalized tax transfers in respect of the post-secondary education financing program applicable to each province;
- (b) expenditures by each province on post-secondary education;
- (c) any other federal programs of support to or involvement in post-secondary education;
- (d) the relationship between such federal contributions, transfers and programs and Canada's educational and economic goals; and
- (e) the results of any consultations by or on behalf of the Secretary of State with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada relating to the definition of national purposes to be served by post-secondary education and the means by which the governments of Canada and the provinces will achieve those purposes.

(2) Every report laid before Parliament under subsection (1) shall be referred for review to such standing committee of the House of Commons, of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament as is designated by Parliament for that purpose."

(b) by renumbering the subsequent clauses accordingly.

There would also be a subsequent re-numbering of Clause 13. If you want me to move that at this time, I would be willing to do that.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert):** Yes.

**Mr. Epp:** Mr. Speaker, I move:

That clause 13 (renumbered as 14) of Bill C-12 be amended

(a) by striking out line 28 on page 9 and substituting the following:

"14. (1) Sections 1 to 9 shall be deemed to"

(b) by striking out line 30 on page 9 and substituting the following:

"(2) Sections 10 to 13 shall come into force"

That is in both languages, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert):** Hon. Members have heard the reading of the motions proposed by the Hon. Member for Provencher (Mr. Epp). Can I dispense with re-reading the motions?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

### *Established Programs Financing*

To speak on the debate, the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett).

• (1600)

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, initially we supported the motion which is now before the House in the final report of the parliamentary task force on fiscal arrangements, the fiscal federalism task force which the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie) mentioned a moment ago. Hon. Members may not all realize that the 1981 report of that parliamentary task force made the identical recommendation to the Government. Why the Government, which is now prepared to accept this recommendation, was not prepared to accept it over the last two years is difficult to know. Perhaps I should not dwell on the past. Perhaps I should congratulate government Members for having now adopted an all-Party agreed resolution identical to the one we are now discussing.

I should point out that, excellent though this recommendation is, it does not yet address the question which we in this Party were doing our best to address in the previous motion. Perhaps it has not been fully understood by some Hon. Members. As I say, this motion is very useful. It requires that the Secretary of State every year will have to provide to Parliament, to the House of Commons and to the other place, a full report on the cash contributions and total equalized tax transfers in respect of post-secondary education to each province. It is very interesting that in that report will have to be provided a breakdown of expenditures by each province on post-secondary education. Also in the report a listing will have to be provided of any other federal programs of support to or involvement in post-secondary education and so on.

That kind of report will be a real first for the House in the subject of the funding for post-secondary education. It will then be sent to the appropriate committee of the House, of the other place or of both, for review. Therefore, until we have a system of real accountability, it seems to me this is an excellent intermediate step. That is exactly what it is, an intermediate step. At least we will be in a position to know, as the Hon. Member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain) was not because he was not a member of the particular committee, what is being spent on what and by which level of government. At least we will have information at our disposal under this amendment which we do not have today, except by doing an enormous amount of digging around, ferreting out and listening to contradictory statements by provincial Cabinet Ministers and the federal Ministers involved in post-secondary education. That confusion or that lack of knowledge, unless we really dig to get it out, will be overcome by this amendment.

When we take a vote later this day I urge all Hon. Members to support Motion No. 4 standing in my name. This in itself does not require what we used to have prior to 1977 and that we could have again, namely, a full system of accountability of all federal dollars which are being spent by the provinces in post-secondary education. We still will not have that, and we still want to have that. I thought I spoke for members of the