

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Is it agreed, honourable senators, that the vote be taken at 10:40 a.m.?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Call in the senators.

• (1040)

Motion in amendment of Senator Molgat negated on the following division:

YEAS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

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| Adams | Hébert |
| Cools | LeBlanc |
| Corbin | Molgat |
| Davey | Neiman |
| Frith | Olson |
| Gigantès | Petten |
| Graham | Robichaud—15. |
| Hastings | |

NAYS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

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| Atkins | Lavoie-Roux |
| Balfour | Lynch-Staunton |
| Barootes | Macdonald (<i>Cape Breton</i>) |
| Berntson | MacDonald (<i>Halifax</i>) |
| Bolduc | Macquarrie |
| Buchanan | Molson |
| Chaput-Rolland | Murray |
| Cochrane | Oliver |
| Cogger | Phillips |
| Comeau | Poitras |
| Di Nino | Rivest |
| Doyle | Robertson |
| Eyton | Ross |
| Forrestall | Rossiter |
| Johnson | Simard |
| Kelleher | Spivak |
| Kelly | Stratton |
| Kinsella | Sylvain—36. |

ABSTENTIONS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Nil

• (1100)

MOTION IN AMENDMENT OF SENATOR HÉBERT NEGATIVED

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I move:

THAT Bill C-113 be not now read the third time but that it be amended:

(a) on pages 7 to 12, by striking out Part IV and renumbering Part V accordingly;

(b) on page 12, by renumbering clause 26 as clause 18, by striking out clauses 27 and 28 and by renumbering clause 29 as clause 19; and

(c) on page 13, by striking out lines 22 to 24.

The purpose of this amendment is to delete Part IV of Bill C-113, that is, clauses 17 to 24. These clauses include the reduction in unemployment insurance benefits from 60 to 57 per cent of average weekly earnings, the "just cause" provisions defined by section 28 of the Unemployment Insurance Act that stipulate that people who lose their jobs through personal misconduct or voluntarily quit will no longer receive UI benefits, as well as other measures related to unemployment insurance which Canadians find totally unacceptable.

Clearly this bill, indeed this government, is not acceptable to the Canadian people. Since a majority of Canadians, 54 per cent according to a February 20 Gallup poll, are outraged by this bill, since it will increase the hardship endured by the unemployed throughout the land, and since it unfairly targets workers in difficult situations, I feel that the government must delete the most odious provisions of this legislation, which is the purpose of my amendment.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, it was moved by the Honourable Senator Bolduc, seconded by the Honourable Senator Lynch-Staunton, that the bill be read the third time.

In amendment, it is moved by the Honourable Senator Hébert, seconded by the Honourable Senator Gigantès:

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(c) on page 13, by striking out lines 22 to 24.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion in amendment?

Some Hon. Senators: Yes.

Some Hon. Senators: No.