

Borrowing Authority Act

An hon. Member: Oh, oh!

Mr. McKenzie: It is interesting to listen to the comments of backbenchers opposite. They criticize us and they criticize you. I will defy you—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order.

An hon. Member: Address the Speaker.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Address the Chair.

Mr. McKenzie: All right. Through you, Mr. Speaker, I defy them to find anyone in Canada who knows anything about economics and government and has anything good to say about the government, or will support anything it does.

An hon. Member: Address the Chair.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Name one.

Mr. Beatty: Name 40.

Mr. Martin: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McKenzie: The Canadian dollar—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Martin).

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Martin: Mr. Speaker, has the hon. member looked at any part of the speech of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau)? Does he know where Canada stands in relation to the other 15 industrialized countries in the world?

Mr. Gillies: Thirteenth.

Mr. Martin: It is in first and second place in most cases. I am quite sure the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark)—

Mr. Paproski: Order, order!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: That is a point of argument.

Mr. Martin: —and the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens)—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The hon. parliamentary secretary is getting into debate.

Mr. Paproski: That is correct.

Mr. Abbott: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McKenzie: In an attempt at continuing—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The hon. Minister of State for Small Business (Mr. Abbott) is recognized by the Chair.

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Speaker, I should like to point out that approximately two days ago Mr. John Bulloch, President of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, had high praise for the economy.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Abbott: He felt that there was a considerable degree of hypocrisy about it, I would assume from his remarks.

Mr. Mazankowski: So does Eugene Whelan.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): The hon. member for Winnipeg South (Mr. McKenzie) has the floor.

Mr. McKenzie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a record number of small business bankruptcies. I am sure Mr. Bulloch was praising your records respecting small businesses.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Order.

An hon. Member: Address the Chair.

Mr. McKenzie: There has never been so many bankruptcies in the country as there are today. If I want any statistics as to where this country stands, certainly I will not refer to the speech made by the Prime Minister. His speech—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): I suggest the hon. member return to Bill C-7.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Call it six o'clock.

Mr. Paproski: Call it six o'clock.

Mr. McKenzie: Your Honour allowed the intervention of the parliamentary secretary on statistics.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The parliamentary secretary rose on a point of order. I suggest the hon. member return to the terms of Bill C-7.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. McKenzie: May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.