

point, sir, the function of all members of parliament as representatives of the people will be placed in greater jeopardy.

The question of ministerial responsibility is basic to our parliamentary system, or at least it was. It is important that ministers of the Crown do everything in their power to ensure that they are cognizant of the major activities in their departments, and as certain as possible of the truth of the statements which are issued under their signatures.

If government members avoid this issue and defeat this motion, and if they use the excuse that an extraneous body can have a role and make a ruling concerning the privilege of members of the House of Commons, then, sir, the most basic principles of our parliamentary democracy are being challenged, and they are being challenged by a government afraid of the truth.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is on the motion in the name of the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those in favour of the motion will please say ye.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Lawrence), which was negatived on the following division.

● (2202)

*(Division No. 16)*

YEAS

Messrs.

Alexander	Brisco	Crosbie
Alkenbrack	Broadbent	(St. John's West)
Baker	Cadieu	Crosby
(Grenville-Carleton)	Clark	(Halifax-East Hants)
Baldwin	(Rocky Mountain)	Crouse
Bawden	Clarke	Ellis
Beatty	(Vancouver Quadra)	Epp
Blackburn	Crombie	Faour

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Messrs.

Firth	Lambert	Oberle
Forrestall	(Edmonton West)	Orlikow
Friesen	La Salle	Paproski
Gillies	Lawrence	Parker
Halliday	MacDonald (Miss)	Patterson
Hamilton	(Kingston and the	Peters
(Swift Current-	Islands)	Pigott (Mrs.)
Maple Creek)	MacKay	Rae
Hare	Masniuk	Ritchie
Hargrave	Matte	Roche
Hees	Mazankowski	Rodriguez
Hnatyshyn	McCain	Saltsman
Holmes	McCrossan	Scott
Huntington	McGrath	(Hamilton-Wentworth)
Jarvis	McKenzie	Siddon
Johnston	McKinley	Smith
(Okanagan-Kootenay)	McKinnon	(Churchill)
Kempling	Munro	Stevens
Knowles	(Esquimalt-Saanich)	Towers
(Winnipeg	Murta	Whiteway
North Centre)	Neil	Whittaker
Knowles	Nielsen	Wise—75.
(Norfolk-Haldimand)	Nystrom	

NAYS

Messrs.

Abbott	Duquet	MacEachen
Allmand	Ethier	MacFarlane
Anderson	Faulkner	MacGuigan
Andras	Fleming	Maine
(Port Arthur)	Foster	Marceau
Andres	Fox	McIsaac
(Lincoln)	Francis	McRae
Appolloni (Mrs.)	Gauthier	Milne
Baker	(Ottawa-Vanier)	Nicholson (Miss)
(Gander-Twilligate)	Gendron	O'Connell
Bécharde	Gillespie	Olivier
Bégin (Miss)	Goodale	Ouellet
Blais	Guilbault	Parent
Blaker	Harquail	Pearsall
Blouin	Herbert	Penner
Boulangier	Holt (Mrs.)	Philbrook
Buchanan	Hopkins	Pinard
Caccia	Horner	Portelance
Cafik	Isabelle	Prud'homme
Campagnolo (Mrs.)	Johnston	Railton
Campbell	(Westmount)	Raines
(LaSalle-Émard-Côte	Joyal	Reid
Saint-Paul)	Kaplan	Roberts
Caron	Lachance	Robinson
Clermont	Lajoie	Rompkey
Collenette	Lamontagne	Rooney
Comtois	Lang	Roy
Corbin	Langlois	(Timmins)
Côté	Lapointe	Roy
Cullen	Leblanc	(Laval)
Cyr	(Laurier)	Sauvé (Mrs.)
Daudlin	LeBlanc	Savard
Dawson	(Westmorland-Kent)	Smith
De Bané	Lefebvre	(Saint-Jean)
Demers	Lessard	Stewart
Dionne	Loiselle	(Cochrane)
(Northumberland-	(Chambly)	Tessier
Miramichi)	Loiselle	Trudel
Douglas	(Saint-Henri)	Watson
(Bruce-Grey)	Lumley	Wood
Duclos	MacDonald	Yanakis
Dupont	(Cardigan)	Young—107.

● (2237)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I declare the motion defeated.

It being after ten o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the morning.

At 10.41 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.