

*Canada Development Corporation*

after them, too. All in all, the House should be given better reasons than it has been given so far in favour of placing the four corporations I have mentioned under the control of the proposed development corporation.

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

The hon. member for Waterloo.

**Mr. Saltsman:** I was just getting to my seat, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Saltsman:** The only point of order is that I was getting to my seat rather than rising with the intention to speak.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question on motion No. 10 in the name of the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton)?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Carried.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those in favour will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

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

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Can't we ever win?

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section (11) of Standing Order 75, a recorded division on the motion will stand deferred.

I will proceed to motion No. 11 stating in the name of the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Stewart), but first I should ascertain from the hon. member who is to be the seconder of the motion.

To be fair to the hon. member, perhaps, while he is looking for a seconder, or waiting for the return of a seconder, I might remind hon. members that the Chair has expressed some reservations as to the acceptability of the proposed motion. Is the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis) rising to second the motion?

**Mr. Francis:** I was rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** I was in the process of saying that a point of order had been raised by the Chair to the effect, there was a possibility that the motion might not be in order. I would be prepared to hear argument in support of the acceptability of the motion or against it before we proceed further.

[M. Horner.]

**Mr. Stewart (Cochrane):** On Friday, Your Honour suggested the proposed amendment might go beyond the scope of the bill and I intend to confine my remarks strictly to that point. I do not believe the amendment goes beyond the scope of the bill. In fact, it does not really add substantially to its provisions because it merely says that Members of Parliament shall not be excluded from appointment to the board of the proposed corporation.

Clause 40 (1) merely states that the Governor in Council shall appoint not more than four of the members of the Board of Directors. It could be argued that among the persons so appointed could be Members of Parliament. They are not excluded by the terms of that clause. My amendment merely adds a subclause which will make it clear that Members of Parliament are not to be excluded. It does not go as far as the provision in other bills which stated categorically that Members of Parliament might be appointed to certain boards. The amendment would simply call to the mind of the government the fact that it would be possible for them to appoint Members of Parliament as directors.

The whole question of providing for some degree of accountability to the people of Canada is one of great importance and one which should in my opinion be considered even more seriously than my amendments suggests it ought to be. The people of Canada do not seem to have any say about what goes on in government, particularly in the conduct of Crown corporations. In the following clause those who drafted the bill, the bureaucrats, made certain that they were included even as ex-officio directors. The power that lies in the bureaucracy is far too great now, and the people of Canada do not have enough say in this regard. I suggest there has to be more of an input on the part of those of us who represent the people of Canada, who through their taxes are paying for these corporations.

● (4:20 p.m.)

I should like to cite a provision in the International Development Research Centre Act which, in my opinion, provides a precedent in this regard. When the House passed this legislation establishing the centre on February 20, 1970, clause 10 (3) provided as follows:

Two of the governors, who are Canadian citizens, other than the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, may be appointed from among the members of the Senate or the House of Commons; a member so appointed shall not be paid remuneration but shall be eligible for expenses and, if he is a member of the House of Commons, shall not, by reason of his being the holder of the office or place in respect of which such expenses are payable, be rendered incapable of being elected, or of sitting or voting as a member of that House.

I suggest that this is a precedent that goes further than my amendment would go. Therefore, I submit my amendment should be found in order and should be voted upon accordingly.

**Mr. Francis:** Mr. Speaker, the mover of this amendment has argued his case, as he has previously, for Members of Parliament to be allowed to sit on the boards of directors of Crown corporations. The issue is not the