

National Housing Act

ment will do two things. It will direct the banks in Canada to allocate a percentage of their investment to housing, and will make it mandatory that these interest rates do not exceed the prime rate. When we are dealing with the interest rates in this country in a serious way the NDP will move that amendment and then we will watch the hon. member for Calgary North and his party to see how they stand. We will then know who is playing a hypocritical game.

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

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on Motion No. 11, of Mr. Woolliams, seconded by Mr. Hales, that Bill C-133, an act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by striking out lines 33 to 40—

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

Mr. Speaker: And the amendment by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Orlikow. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said amendment? All 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.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the agreement made yesterday, the recorded division on the proposed amendment stands deferred.

The House will move to the consideration of motion No. 4. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent), moves, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That Bill C-133, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by deleting line 39 on page 10 from Clause 10 and substituting the following therefor:

“exceed”.

At the same time motion No. 6 will be considered. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) moves, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That Bill C-133, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by deleting line 6 on page 13 from Clause 12 and substituting the following therefor:

“exceed”.

At the same time the House will consider motion No. 10 and motion No. 12. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) moves as follows:

That Bill C-133, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by deleting lines 33 and 34 on page 22 from Clause 17 and substituting the following therefor:

“in council, but shall not exceed such rate as”.

That Bill C-133, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by deleting lines 34 and 35 on page 26 from Clause 19 and substituting the following therefor:

[Mr. Broadbent.]

“not exceed such rate as the Governor in”.

● (1520)

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I do not want to hold up the bill. We had the debate on the amendments moved by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams), motions Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11, and there is no point in duplicating once again the arguments made at that time from our point of view in opposition to the details of the proposals of motions Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11, but in agreement with the principle. While I would be making the same points all over again on amendments Nos. 4, 6, 10 and 12, I think it would be simply a waste of time to repeat the argument at this time.

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

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on motions Nos. 4, 6, 10 and 12.

All those in favour please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed 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: Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 45 the recorded division on the proposed amendments will stand deferred.

The next motion is motion No. 7 in the name of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Basford).

[Translation]

The Minister of State for Urban Affairs (Mr. Basford) moved:

That Bill C-133, An Act to amend the National Housing Act, be amended by striking out lines 11 to 13 on page 14 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(a) such amount as may be prescribed by regulation of the Governor in Council in respect of each family housing”.

[English]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I should like to give a very brief explanation of our reason for moving this amendment and to urge the support of members opposite to this amendment. This section was amended in committee on motion of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent). I appreciate his motives and his intention in moving it. He believed that the forgiveness provision of the repair and rehabilitation sections should be limited to amounts set by regulation of the Governor in Council in relation to the income of the recipient. The previous bill, as introduced in the committee, set the amount of forgiveness at \$2,000. The amendment of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby, which was approved by the committee, had I think an effect which may not have been foreseen.

I have received representations since the amendment was moved from the province of Quebec on behalf of the repair program in the city of Montreal. My officials and I