

Foreign Investment Act

(Mr. Bell), I would think looking at motion No. 2 and those immediately following, these motions might allow some latitude in debate. I am sure the Chair would not want to limit hon. members too closely to the contents of the motion, particularly in view of the fact that motion No. 2 would provide an opportunity for some latitude in debate. I would find it very difficult procedurally to accept motion No. 1 standing in the name of the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom). It is, in my opinion outside the scope of the bill. Without quoting at length or quoting at all the citations I would refer hon. members to May's 18th edition, page 508, which suggests which matters are acceptable and which ones should be ruled out.

● (1520)

The point made by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Reid) is well taken when he refers to the fact that even if this clause were put to the House, debated and carried, it would be very difficult to reconcile it with the rest of the bill. There would be nothing that I could see, after studying the bill, that would actually give effect to this new purpose of the bill. There would then be required additional legislation or additional amendments. I suggest that, in itself, is an indication that the proposed motion is beyond the scope of the bill.

This being taken into account, and agreeing with hon. members that there should be no attempt to limit too strictly the scope of the debate when we reach the next motion, I would hope that hon. members would agree with the Chair that we would at this point put the second motion. My suggestion would also be that motions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be considered at the same time but disposed of separately. If hon. members agree, I believe they are essentially the same matter, so that we will put No. 2, and Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are before the House for debate; eventually, all motions would be disposed of separately by separate votes.

I would suggest to hon. members, and perhaps to House leaders and representatives of the parties that have moved motions which will call for votes, that it might be a little difficult, if the House is to divide on all such motions, to have them all at the same time. It would be better if these votes could be broken up into maybe two or three voting sessions rather than one lengthy voting session on all of the motions that come to the House for decision.

The hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay) moves motion No. 2 which reads as follows:

That Bill C-132, An act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons and of the establishment of new businesses in Canada by certain persons, be amended in sub-clause 2(2) by striking out lines 38 to 44 at page 2 and lines 1 and 2 at page 3 and substituting the following:

"dustry or industries in Canada;

(e) the compatibility of the acquisition or establishment with national industrial and economic policies; and

(f) the compatibility of the acquisition or establishment with industrial and economic policies enunciated by the government or legislature of a province in which the enterprise is carried on or the new business is proposed to be carried on."

[Mr. Speaker.]

I assume hon. members would not direct the Chair to put the other four motions to which I referred, that is No. 3 in the name of the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner), No. 4 in the name of the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) and Nos. 5 and 6 in the name of the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay).

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on that point, we certainly do not expect you to put them if it means reading all these motions; that would be almost making a speech. However, since the debate is to range over motions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 I think that they should all be on the record at this point so that if anybody reads this *Hansard* he will know what the debate is all about. I suggest that they be put on the record as if Your Honour had put them.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: The motions referred to are as follows:*]

No. 3.—That Bill C-132, An Act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons and of the establishment of new businesses in Canada by certain persons, be amended in sub-paragraph 5(1)(c)(i) by deleting "\$250,000" in line 21 at page 17 and substituting therefor:

"\$500,000".

No. 4.—That Bill C-132, An act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons and of the establishment of new businesses in Canada by certain persons, be amended in sub-paragraph 5(1)(c)(ii) by deleting "\$3,000,000" in line 27 at page 17 and substituting therefor:

"\$1,500,000".

No. 5.—That Bill C-132, An Act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons and of the establishment of new businesses in Canada by certain persons, be amended by deleting Subclause 7(3), lines 23 to 28 at page 18, and substituting the following:

"(3) The minister shall make available to the agency the services of officers who are representative of each region of Canada, including such officers from within the department of the government of Canada over which he presides as he may designate for the purpose.

(4) In any case where a review or assessment of a proposed or actual investment is likely to affect significantly a province or provinces, a recommendation to the minister thereon shall be submitted by a panel of officers of whom a majority shall be representative of such province or provinces."

No. 6.—That Bill C-132, An act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons and of the establishment of new businesses in Canada by certain persons, be amended in Clause 9 by deleting line 32 at page 20 and substituting the following:

"a copy of the notice shall be sent by the agency forthwith by registered mail to the province or provinces likely to be significantly affected by the proposed or actual investment of which the notice relates and"

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay).

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, certainly, there can be no basic disagreement with the proposition that the government of Canada should be making an effort to minimize foreign domination of our economy. The issue of foreign control of Canada's econo-