

Motion agreed to.

Madam Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time? By leave, now?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mrs. Martin (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

An hon. member: Mr. Speaker, I wished to speak on third reading.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I am sorry, I have already put it through, but I will revert with agreement of the House. Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There is not consent.

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CANADA PETROLEUM RESOURCES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-106, an act to amend certain petroleum related acts in respect of Canadian ownership requirements and to confirm the validity of a certain regulation, as reported (without amendment) from a legislative committee.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There are two motions in amendment standing in the name of the hon. member for Edmonton East on the Notice Paper for the report stage of Bill C-106, an act to amend certain petroleum-related acts in respect of Canadian ownership requirements and to confirm the validity of a certain regulation.

Both motions go beyond the scope of the bill. They are introducing new concepts not contemplated in the bill as approved in principle at second reading. Therefore according to citation 698(1) of Beauchesne's sixth edition, these motions are out of order and will not be selected by the Chair.

There being no further amendments, I shall now propose to the House the motion for the concurrence of the bill at report stage.

Government Orders

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Shirley Martin (for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved that the bill be concurred in.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Harvey (Edmonton East): On division.

Motion agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): When shall the bill be read the third time? By leave, now?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mrs. Martin (for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources) moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, I am indeed sorry that the amendments I proposed at report stage on this bill were deemed to be out of order because I think considering each in turn would have helped to focus the mind of the House on the actual import and impact of Bill C-106. The House having been denied that opportunity, I will see what I can do to rectify it at this third reading.

• (1625)

To start I would like to quote at length from the North American free trade agreement. I refer your attention to article 1102 in chapter eleven of the North American free trade agreement titled national treatment. It reads in section 1:

Each Party shall accord to investors of another Party treatment no less favourable than it accords, in like circumstances, to its own investors with respect to the establishment, acquisition, expansion, management, conduct, operation, and sale or other disposition of investments.

Section 4 of article 1102 reads:

For greater certainty, no Party may

(a) impose on an investor of another party a requirement that a minimum level of equity in an enterprise in the territory of the Party be held by its nationals, other than nominal qualifying shares for directors or incorporators of corporations;

This means that the Canadian ownership rule we have had in place since 1982, which has served by virtue of the previous government policy for Canada outside the lands administered under federal jurisdiction, and the act that we are repealing here today for those areas within federal jurisdiction, which is the Canada lands in the north and the offshore areas off Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, has been a requirement since 1982 that any