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is unable to be here this morning. However, I know that she feels very strongly about this motion and certainly wishes to speak to it. You asked whether I would move that motion in her name. I will not be able to do so because of a different point of view on its impact. But I think the whole grouping is going to entail a good deal of debate; it is central to the issue we are dealing with here.

Therefore, I would ask the Speaker whether he would agree that this particular grouping be stood until after Question Period and that we move ahead to the next item, which would be Motion No. 25. In the Speaker's ruling it is item No. 11, Motion No. 25 to be debated and voted on separately. I would ask for unanimous consent of the House to stand that one group, proceed on to Motion No. 25 for the remainder of the time available or perhaps the one following that, and let that other grouping be debated this afternoon.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I certainly understand the constructive intent of the Hon. Member. My thought was that we should try as far as possible to deal with these matters in sequence, and the Hon. Member's colleague will have an opportunity of addressing her motion when she is in the House, I am sure. Because of time constraints, we might want to proceed with this grouping as such. It will allow us to carry on debate, without being too technical, regardless of whether or not the Member is here. We can always revert to this item when the Member returns, if that deals with the concerns expressed by the Hon. Member.

Mr. Crombie: Mr. Speaker, I fully appreciate the concern of the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner). My concern is similar to that of the Government House Leader, that we maintain the order which I think we have implicitly agreed upon. I assume we will not conclude prior to one o'clock because there are nine or ten of these motions. If we did, it would certainly be a wonder of efficiency. I take it from the Government House Leader that we can move back to allow the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) to comment on Motion No. 13. There are a number of motions in front of us and many Members of this House who would like to comment on them, so I hope we would not necessarily move through the whole of this grouping but, rather, allow the flow of debate to go forward. It seems to me that if we are in danger of passing through these motions prior to one o'clock, we could perhaps deal with the question of procedure at that time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am on Motion No. 13. I understand the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) can speak when she comes in, but right now I need a mover for Motion No. 13. If not, I will have to declare it withdrawn.

Mr. Penner: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the concern of the House Leader and the Minister that to jump ahead does confuse the issue. I also appreciate that we want to proceed in order; there is no problem there. However, I have to tell the House quite forthrightly that my problem is that the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) feels very strongly

about her motion. She made a significant contribution in committee and I think she deserves the opportunity to make her case. Perhaps what we can do, rather than moving the whole grouping, is to move on to Motion No. 14 and let that be the engine which starts the debate on this grouping. That motion is in the name of the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly). If that could be done, and if we then allowed the Hon. Member for Mount Royal to move her motion as soon as she is back in the House this afternoon, it would present no procedural difficulty and I would appreciate it on behalf of my colleague.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The suggestion by the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior is unacceptable to the Chair because the adoption of Motion No. 13 would dispose of Motion No. 14. The only way it would be possible is if we left those two motions out for the time being.

Miss MacDonald: Let someone get up and move it for her.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Am I to understand that there is unanimous consent to start with the grouping of Motion No. 14A and leave Motion No. 13 and Motion No. 14 for the time being?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: This is clearly on the understanding that the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) will be here this afternoon. I do not want this to be delayed indefinitely. If we have a commitment that she will be here to move Motion No. 13 immediately upon Orders of the Day being called this afternoon, I think it would be reasonable. Otherwise we would have to take a vote on the motion at that time.

Mr. Penner: My understanding is that the Hon. Member will be here, and I am speaking on her behalf in asking that this delay be agreed to by the House, and I thank the House Leader for his co-operation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, we will leave Motions No. 13 and 14 for now and start the grouping with Motion No. 14A.

Hon. David Crombie (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moves:

Motion No. 14A

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4

(a) by adding immediately after line 35 at page 6 the following:

"(3) Where the council of a band makes a by-law under paragraph 81(p.4) bringing this subsection into effect in respect of the band, the consents required under subsections (1) and (2) shall be given by a majority of the members of the band who are of the full age of eighteen years."

(b) and by renumbering the subsequent subsections accordingly.

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca) moves:

Motion No. 15

That Bill C-31, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 36 to 48 at page 6 and lines 1 to 4 at page 7.

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca) moves: