

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BILL C-43

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, there have been discussions among the parties and I believe that you will find consent for the following motion:

That a special joint committee of the House and Senate be appointed and empowered to undertake a comprehensive review of the subject matter of Bill C-43, an act to provide for greater certainty in the reconciliation of the personal interests and duties of office of the members of the Senate and of the House of Commons, to establish a conflict of interests commission and to make consequential amendments to other acts.

That the committee may, in fulfilling its mandate, review the conflict of interest approaches used in other jurisdictions and any other matter related thereto,

That the Standing Committee on House Management appoint the membership, for the House, of the special joint committee and present its report, which shall be deemed concurred in, upon presentation of it to the House of Commons, no later than five sitting days after the adoption of the motion;

That the said special joint committee be composed of 14 members of the House of Commons, and 5 members of the Senate;

That the said special joint committee have all powers of a standing committee of the House Commons pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1), 120 and 121;

That changes in membership of the said special joint committee be effective immediately after a notification signed by the member acting as the chief Whip of any recognized party, has been filed with the clerk of the committee;

That the special joint committee be permitted to request adequate support from the government for drafting its final report in the form of a bill or report Bill C-43 with or without amendments or in the form of principles that could be embodied in the legislation; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, 5 senators to act on the proposed special joint committee.

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Madam Speaker, I think there is agreement on our side with the particular motion. Just so that I am crystal clear in my thinking process on a Friday afternoon, the hon.

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member said 14 members of the House of Commons. I presume that will be made up of four members from the Official Opposition, two members from the New Democratic Party and eight members from the Conservative Party. As for the members from the Senate, I understand three would be from the Progressive Conservatives and two from the Liberals. Is that correct?

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I can confirm, even though it is not within my capacity to effect the hon. member's ability to think crystal-clear, that the numbers would be eight from the Conservatives, four from the Liberals, and two from the NDP, and three from the Conservatives and two from the Liberals in the Senate.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge to both my hon. colleagues how much we appreciate the willingness to negotiate the size and numbers associated with the committee. This will allow the New Democrats to have two participating members on this critical joint committee. I simply want to acknowledge our appreciation to my two pals.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Does the hon. parliamentary secretary have unanimous consent of the House to present the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Resuming debate.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

MISCELLANEOUS STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1991

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre) that Bill C-35, an act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of non-controversial and uncomplicated nature therein and to repeal certain provisions thereof that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect, be read the third time and passed.