

Special Debate

The consequence of that is that we are in a position where a motion has been filed. We are bound by a statute which says: "Where a motion for the consideration of a House of Parliament is filed in accordance with subsection 2, that House"—in this case that is this House—"shall not later than the sixth sitting day of that House following the filing of the motion take up and consider the motion unless a motion of the like effect has earlier been taken up and is being considered in the other House", which is not the case.

That is the position we are in. It is up to the House to decide what it is going to do between now and the expiry of the six days which is mentioned in the bill. We are, of course, bound by that.

I think that is the best I can do to assist the House at this time on this matter.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to draw this to the attention of my hon. friend the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader, but in his commentary on the appropriateness of this action I think his remarks will show that he very clearly was impugning motive by my hon. friend in terms of what was motivating his initiative.

I wonder if it would not be the appropriate thing for him to withdraw those remarks in the good order that he normally conducts himself.

Mr. Speaker: The parliamentary secretary might want to rise and assist the House. It is a pretty fine line, but I will hear the hon. parliamentary secretary.

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I did not hear the Official Opposition taking umbrage at this, but I know that my friend from Kamloops is totally vigilant about the decorum, the manners and the proprieties of this place to a point of punctiliousness.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Edwards: If my hon. friend from Cape Breton—East Richmond felt that I impugned any motive, I certainly want to withdraw any such stigma and any such shadow from the House. I think that I will leave it at that and let the rest of my remarks stand on the record.

Mr. Speaker: Just for the record, I want to point out that under the circumstances, the use of the word punctilious by the parliamentary secretary is of course from a point of view of literacy. It is astonishing but it is in order.

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SPECIAL DEBATE**SOMALIA**

The House resumed, from December 7, 1992, consideration of the motion of Mrs. McDougall (St. Paul's) (p. 14771), and on the amendment of Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre) (p. 14778).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It being 3 p.m., in connection with item No. 14 under Government Business on today's order paper and pursuant to order adopted Monday, December 7, 1992, the House will now proceed with the deferred division on the amendment of Mr. Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre). The question on the main motion, standing in the name of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, will be put immediately afterward.

Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment, which was negated on the following division:

(*Division No. 363*)

YEAS

Members

Allmand	Althouse
Angus	Arseneault
Assad	Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre)
Barrett	Bélair
Bellemare	Berger
Bevilacqua	Blackburn (Brant)
Blaikie	Boudria
Brenugh	Brewin
Butland	Caccia
Catterall	Chrétien
Clancy	Comuzzi
Crawford	de Jong
Dingwall	Duhamel
Ferguson	Finestone
Fisher	Flis
Foster	Gaffney
Gardiner	Gauthier
Gray (Windsor West)	Grey (Beaver River)
Harb	Harvard
Heap	Hopkins
Hovdebo	Hunter
Jordan	Karpoff
Keys	Kilger (Stormont—Dundas)
Kristiansen	Langan (Mission—Coquitlam)
Langdon (Essex—Windsor)	Laporte