

it. Therefore yesterday the Solicitor General, who has been wandering around with a John Turner button on his lapel for weeks, if not months, said that he will move notice to cut off debate. I would not mind their cutting off debate if they would accept some amendments that would make this Bill safer for Canadians.

I practised law in courts for 17 years before I was elected in 1972. I worked in a logging camp and lived in a bunkhouse when I was 15. I do not come from a silver spoon background, and I have been about. I got out of law school and I went to the Yukon, and paid my debts by running a string of pack-horses. I have served in the Canadian army. There is not much I haven't done or haven't seen.

● (1125)

I do not come to this debate with some kind of ingenuous, rosy hued notion and fantasy out of the classroom. Of course I am a civil rights lawyer. Any lawyer who knows the common law has to be a civil rights lawyer. Common law is our pride and our tradition, because lawyers who went to court had the guts to get up and say some of the things that were not the conventional clap-trap wisdom and herd mentality of either the media or the cocktail party set. That is what this debate is about, Mr. Speaker.

The Government could accept some amendments to this Bill if it had any conscience or any sense. But the Government has dug in. The Liberals have been told by a group of so-called experts that that is what they have to have. The other people who come representing traditions and values that determine and guarantee our freedom have not been listened to. Those of us who talk about civil rights are looked upon by the Government as some kind of left-wing kook fringe.

I am ashamed at what is happening in this House. I am ashamed also that across the country the people who are supposed to be watching this debate, and supposed to be finding out what the issue really is, cannot seem to figure it out. I do not know what we have journalism schools for. What about the people in the ivory towers of the media who prate, rant, and preach, and tell us, MPs, how we ought to behave every once in a while, give us lectures about the price of food in the parliamentary restaurant, tell us that we should never have an increase in pay, or get so righteous? While all of this has been going on, where have they been? Sitting in their ivory towers, in their executive suites, while their underpaid minions have been dazzled by a party show that has gone on in the last few weeks. As a consequence this vital issue, as Alan Borovoy said, the most important issue in civil rights since Confederation, has been ignored.

I am ashamed for this place, and I am ashamed of the Government.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Debate.

Mr. Kaplan: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Is the House ready for the question?

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Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): The Chair would like to remind the House that Motions Nos. 10, 16, 20, 25, 26, 28, and 35 have been grouped for debate.

A vote on Motion No. 10 disposes of Motions Nos. 16, 20, 25, 26, 28, and 35.

The question is on Motion No. 10. Mr. Robinson (Burnaby), seconded by Mr. Althouse, moves that Bill C-9 be amended by deleting Clause 3.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the Motion?

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Pursuant to Standing Order 79 (11) the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The Chair would like to remind Hon. Members that Motions Nos. 12, 13, and 14 have been grouped for debate. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 12 disposes of Motions Nos. 13 and 14. A negative vote on Motion No. 12 necessitates a vote on Motion No. 13. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 13 disposes of a vote on Motion No. 14. A negative vote on Motion No. 13 necessitates a vote on Motion No. 14.

● (1130)

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby) moved:

Motion No. 12

That Bill C-9 be amended by deleting Clause 4.

Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South) moved:

Motion No. 13

That Bill C-9 be amended in Clause 4 by striking out line 22 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"appoint the Director of the Service, who, subject to subsection 6(1), has the operational responsibility for the Service."

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby) moved:

Motion No. 14

That Bill C-9 be amended in Clause 4 by striking out line 22 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"appoint the Director of the Service, after consultation by the Prime Minister of Canada with the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons of each party having at least 12 Members in that House."