

right to become involved somehow in politics when there is a bill before the House such as Bill C-83, the initial gun control bill, or Bill C-51, the subsequent gun control bill passed by this House? A fish and game association is basically a voluntary organization. It is very dangerous to suggest that if ever such an organization were to speak out on something that is political it would somehow lose its voluntary status.

Miss Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The hon. member opposite has spoken with great feeling of the importance of the voluntary sector, and of that sector being free to do its advocacy job. I think perhaps what the hon. member is responding to is the national revenue definition of a political institution in the tax statutes, which has nothing to do with this bill. The hon. member mentioned a clause in the bill which would limit this kind of activity by a church, but I do not see that in the bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. What the hon. member suggests is more in the way of a correction than a point of order.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish at this time to enter into a debate with the hon. member opposite. I could document that particular statement, and I could go even further by saying there are civil servants who have made the statement that, even if the clause were removed, the intent of the government is to enact the measure with that interpretation. That becomes almost more frightening in that it means without a law there is this intention to place a particular slant or emphasis on this activity.

Why should any group be denied the right to speak? What has this government become? Does it no longer intend that we have citizens in this country? Are we to be reduced again to subjects? Somehow organizations which are really fundamental parts of the nation are being denied the right to speak out on any issue. I must ask myself what organization there is in Canada that speaks out on any issue which does not in some way touch politics? Politics is an all-encompassing concept. It is everything within a society. Therefore any organization that speaks out on any issue could in fact be, or have the potential of being, interpreted as being involved in politics.

This bill needs a great deal of additional scrutiny. The fact that it has 242 clauses supports the suggestion that what we see before us is a government with a great capacity for taking the simple and making it complicated. I would suggest that volunteers, no matter what period in our history they live, have always been and always will be the pioneers of our society.

I have more comments I would like to make, Mr. Speaker, but, noting the time, may I call it four o'clock?

Commonwealth Caribbean

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions.

Item No. 2, the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies). Shall the item stand?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Stand by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles). Shall the item stand?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Stand, by unanimous consent.

Item No. 7, the hon. member for Renfrew North-Nipissing East (Mr. Hopkins). Shall the item stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Item No. 9, the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton (Mrs. Pigott). Shall the item stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Item No. 10, the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard). Shall the item stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Item No. 11, the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Yewchuk). Shall the item stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

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COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN

CLOSER TIES WITH CANADA SUGGESTED

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, a special joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons should be established to consider the advisability of taking an initiative in promoting closer commercial and cultural relations between the Dominion of Canada and the communities of the Commonwealth Caribbean and that *inter alia* such committee should consider (a) subsidization of sea-borne transport between this country and the Commonwealth area (b) Canadian governmental assistance in the upgrading of the seaports of Atlantic Canada (c) such tariff changes as might facilitate the exchange of commodities between the two areas (d) encouragement of the exchange of students of the two areas (e) recommending assistance towards meetings of political business and