

*Government Orders*

However, even though we may perceive the problem in a similar way, it does not necessarily mean that we share the solution. Indeed, our respective solutions may differ.

In this context, I said earlier that in the last decade or two no government was able to control the debt and the deficit.

• (1725)

I submit that the reason for this failure rests with the system itself and that the system has to be changed. I would like to read the hon. member, if I may, Mr. Speaker, the end of the letter dated March 1st which the president and chief executive officer of the Quebec manufacturers' association, Richard Le Hir, wrote about the budget. It is only one paragraph long.

Faced with this situation, the federal government's only strategy is the relentless pursuit of the same policy in spite of all the evidence. Nothing else can explain Mr. Martin's reserve in his recent budget. He and his Liberal colleagues are hoping that, contrary to all expectations, a miraculous upturn in the economy will save Canada from the disaster it is headed for. They are making the same mistake the Conservatives made before them. They refuse to admit there is a structural aspect to the Canadian public finances problem. And for a very good reason! If they did, it would call into doubt the very structure of the system: the sacrosanct Constitution. That would be tantamount to opening Pandora's box. That is why, as we now say in Montreal, 'les jeux sont faits, rien ne va plus'!

[English]

**Mr. Silye:** Mr. Speaker, I enjoyed the commentary of the hon. member. That quote has a lot of merit. I would not dispute that.

I would like to raise one thing that perhaps Bloc Quebecois members have not considered. I know the agenda they ran in the province of Quebec. They feel that separation is the best thing for Quebec. I respect their views on that. I respect why they feel that way. Perhaps members could give them other thoughts to consider.

Why not stay in Canada? Why not work together for one Canada, a new federalism? The Bloc Quebecois would work within this confederation to gain the best possible for the province of Quebec in partnership with nine other equal provinces. As one country we would grow together and ultimately achieve our highest potential. Why does the hon. member not talk to his caucus about the economic advantages for the province of Quebec of staying in Canada? The signal that would send to the global community and the global market would have resounding positive financial rewards for the province of Quebec.

As Reformers we would be happy to point out to the Bloc Quebecois what some of the advantages are to staying in confederation. This separatist point of view is divisive and confusing. There are the arguments and debates over immigration, over the debt and what Quebec's share would be, how we do this, how we do that. Why not work together? Financially it is advantageous for everyone concerned.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The Chair has received written notice from the hon. member for Davenport that he is unable to move his motion during private members' hour on Thursday, March 24.

It has not been possible to arrange an exchange of positions in the order of precedence according to Standing Order 94(2)(a). Accordingly it is necessary that the Chair ask the table officers to drop the item of business to the bottom of the order of precedence.

[Translation]

Pursuant to Standing Order 94(2)(b), Private Members' Hour will be suspended for the day and the House will continue with the business before it at the time.

[English]

It now being 5.30 p.m., pursuant to the order made on Tuesday, March 22, 1994, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and to put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the third reading stage of the bill now before the House.

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

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Deputy Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**The Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**The Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Deputy Speaker:** Call in the members.

(The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:)

(Division No. 21)

**YEAS**

Members

Adams  
Allmand  
Anderson  
Assad  
Augustine  
Baker  
Barnes  
Bellemare  
Bertrand  
Bevilacqua

Alcock  
Anawak  
Arseneault  
Assadourian  
Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre)  
Bakopanos  
Beaumier  
Berger  
Bethel  
Bhaduria