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against my doing so we are prepared to withdraw my amendment and move it later as a separate motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the hon, gentleman unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Thomas: Mr. Speaker, the understanding is that if you rule against this as a subamendment then the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke is willing to move it as an amendment after this one has been disposed of; otherwise, if you do not rule against it, we leave it as a subamendment.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, it is either withdrawn or it is not withdrawn. The hon. members must make up their minds.

Mr. Martin: I think the situation is that my friend the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke does not want to interfere with the amendment moved by the hon. member for Eglinton. He recognizes the merit of what the hon. member for Eglinton has said on the procedural question and for the time being withdraws his amendment.

Mr. Thomas: No.

Mr. Martin: I understand that he withdraws his amendment for the time being to comply with the rule and afterwards he will reintroduce it.

Mr. Thomas: Let us have a ruling on it now.

Mr. Martin: The Speaker is not going to rule against it.

Mr. Hahn: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this is going to be a time consuming process and in view of the fact that we do wish to see the legislation affecting British Columbia passed I would suggest that as we have this antipathy among our Conservative friends to the inclusion of the amendment moved by the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke the hon. member withdraw his amendment on his own instigation and we will be prepared to go ahead and move it later.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker, there has been an expression used by the hon. member who just took his seat—

Mr. Knowles: It is not a bad word.

Mr. Fleming: It is a word which I think is quite capable of totally misrepresenting the position here. We are here to see that the rules of the house are upheld. There is no occasion for suggesting that there is antipathy toward the subject matter on our part in suggesting that the rules of the house ought to

be followed and hon. members introducing such matters ought to know that they should be brought in by way of a separate amendment and not by way of being tacked on to an existing amendment to which their amendment has no relation whatever.

Mr. Patterson: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the hon. member for Eglinton is jumping to conclusions. The amendment proposed by the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke has not yet been ruled out of order.

Mr. Fleming: Is it withdrawn or not?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: As I understand it the hon. gentleman wishes to withdraw his amendment. It is quite apparent to me that the wish of the house is to grant him that leave, and perhaps we could terminate the discussion on that basis. Has the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke leave to withdraw his amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment to the amendment withdrawn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the house ready for the question on the amendment?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Fleming) which was negatived on the following division:

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Messrs:

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Balcer Barnett Bell Blackmore Blair Bryce Cameron (Nanaimo) Campbell Cardiff Casselman Charlton Churchill Diefenbaker Ellis Fairclough, Mrs. Fleming Fraser (Peterborough) Fulton Green Hahn Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace) Hansell Harkness Hees Herridge Johnston (Bow River) Jones

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Knowles Macdonnell MacLean McBain McGregor McLeod Michener Mitchell (London) Monteith Montgomery Nesbitt Nicholson Patterson Quelch Rea Regier Robinson (Bruce) Shaw

Smith (Battle River-Camrose) Stanton Starr Thomas White (Middlesex East)

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