

election expenditures. Hopefully, there will never be an occasion in Canada, if this bill becomes law, for any such charges to be laid; but nevertheless it is pretty elementary that in passing laws of this kind some provision is made for penalties to be levied against those who may in fact violate the act.

Therefore, I think the House should commend and give recognition to the hon. member for Skeena for having seen this loophole, which I think will tend to make for a greater sense and degree of collective responsibility on the part of people who hold office within a political organization. In other words, it will mean that the person who happens to be selected and appointed as registered agent will not be the only fall guy if in fact a party is found guilty of violating the spending limitations set out in the act.

For this reason, I think the hon. member for Skeena has come up with something that apparently must have been overlooked by the committee in its detailed analysis of this matter. Therefore, I suggest the House acquiesce to the motion and agree it would be an improvement to the provisions of the act that we are proposing to bring into being.

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

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion negatived on division.

Motion No. 13 (Mr. Howard) negatived.

Mr. Howard: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, there are standing in my name notices of motions Nos. 14, 15 and 16. I do not intend to proceed with those motions.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): If I understand correctly, the hon. member wishes to withdraw motions Nos. 14, 15 and 16. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Motions 14, 15 and 16, as requested by the hon. member for Skeena, are dropped.

Motions Nos. 14, 15 and 16 (Mr. Howard) withdrawn.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to say that I will not move motion No. 18. While I am on my feet, I might include motion No. 19 and motion No. 32.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Motions 18, 19 and 32, as requested by the mover, will be dropped. Is that agreed?

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motions 18, 19 and 32 (Mr. Brewin) withdrawn.

● (1520)

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I think the next motion is No. 20, with which I do not intend to proceed. I also do not intend to proceed with motion No. 21, largely because I think it would be out of order. I might mention, on behalf of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) because I happen to have the floor, that he does not wish to proceed with motion No. 22. I will stop there. The hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney) wishes to assert his authority.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): As hon. members have heard, the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) asks that motions Nos. 20, 21 and 22 be dropped. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motions Nos. 20 and 21 (Mr. Howard) withdrawn.

Motion No. 22 (Mr. Barnett) withdrawn.

[*Translation*]

An hon. Member: Speak French!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): I think that I could speak French, but I believe that hon. members also have the right to use either official language, as they wish.

[*English*]

The next amendment is motion No. 23 in the name of the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney).

Mr. Harney: Mr. Speaker, it was my intention to rise to say I will not move the amendment standing in my name, motion No. 23, even though the virtue of the amendment is obvious. I am willing to let it go, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Scarborough West wishes to withdraw the motion now before the House. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 23 (Mr. Harney) withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker: The next motions to be considered are Nos. 24 and 27.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I rise to get the floor through a device known as a point of order. I have had a number of discussions and consultations, and with the permission, consent and advice of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) I might say that he has decided not to proceed with notice of motion No. 24. The hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Knight) has the same view in respect of notice of motion No. 25. The hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) has the same view in respect of motion No. 26. The mover of motion No. 27, the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin), makes the same request and indicates the same intention. The hon. member for Comox-Alberni has decided not to proceed with motion No. 28.