

Routine Proceedings

In fact, we are very concerned about Bill C-5. That is why this government called that issue today. That is why there has been co-operation to a certain degree between the Liberal Party and ourselves. We have agreed that because it is so important an issue it should be referred to a committee where the Liberals can make their point on that issue, where we can make our concerns known but the NDP would rather filibuster and fool around here in the House of Commons.

Therefore, while I am on my feet, I move:

That this House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say ye.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

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

(Division No. 177)

YEAS

Members

Beatty
Bjornson
Bosley
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)
Chartrand
Cooper
Desjardins
Duplessis
Epp
Hockin
Jourdenais
Lopez
Mazankowski
Moore
O'Kurley
Plourde
Sparrow
Van de Walle
Weiner
Wilson (Etobicoke Centre)

Belsher
Blais
Bourgault
Casey
Collins
de Cotret
Dick
Edwards
Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Horning
Kempling
Marin
Merrithew
Oberle
Plamondon
Reid
Tardif
Vézina
Wilbee
Winegard—40

NAYS

Members

Anawak
Benjamin
Blackburn (Brant)
Catterall
Gauthier
Kilger (Stormont—Dundas)
Langdon (Essex—Windsor)
MacDonald (Dartmouth)
Manley
Mitchell
Parker
Riis
Young (Gloucester)—25

Bellemare
Black
Callbeck
Dionne
Hovdebo
Langan (Mission—Coquitlam)
LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso)
Maheu
Mifflin
Nault
Prud'homme
Samson

• (1430)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion carried. Government Orders.

[Translation]

Mr. Gauthier: Before the debate on Bill C-5 continues, Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

Two days ago, the Chair gave notice that it would look into the whole question of whether Bill C-62 imposing a regressive 7 per cent sales tax on Canadians—a bill based on a ways and means motion—is in order. The Chair told the House that it agreed to a recorded vote on first reading and that it would render a decision before second reading of this bill began.

We know that the government announced that on Monday, after oral question period, debate would begin on this bill imposing a 7 per cent goods and services tax on Canadians.

I ask the Chair to allow me to ask the government the following question: If the Chair decides that the bill is not in order, which is possible, can the government tell the House what bill it would have us consider in its place?

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This may help the House. I am informed that the Speaker intends to make a ruling on the matter raised by the member for Ottawa—Vanier on 3 p.m. on Monday.

Mr. Gauthier: That is my point, Mr. Speaker. There are two possibilities. It is either going to be correct for the House to proceed to second reading, or not correct.