

The provisions are now in the Official Languages Act which has passed both Houses of Parliament and been given Royal assent. We were assured that, when the Government published regulations under the Act providing for recognition and provision of services to the official language minorities in various parts of the country, those regulations would not simply be published as they had been in the past, but there would be a complex and carefully developed process during which they would be given to the world in the sense of notice being given. Members of Parliament would be informed that the Government planned to put regulations forth on these matters. After some weeks of digesting the fact that regulations were coming, the regulations would then be published in draft form. There would then be time for Members of Parliament and committees to consider whether these were desirable regulations. After they had been given proper scrutiny by Members of Parliament, then finally these regulations would be published in the *Canada Gazette*, proclaimed, and be in force.

That particular process of responding to anxieties in various parts of Canada, anxiety about the extension of our official bilingualism in federal government institutions into other parts of the country where they are not so operative now, struck me and other members of the committee as an impressive elaboration of the regulatory function of the federal Government. One might be somewhat of two minds about why it was happening, but it is a democratic country and we want it to remain that way. When Canadians, who may be a minority in some regions and not in other regions, expressed concerns about what the Government of Canada planned to do, then it was right and proper for the law of the land to provide opportunity for additional consideration. Now under the Official Languages Act we have precisely that.

That is largely what my colleague wanted to do with the motions. Given the anxiety that exists across the country, which is perhaps stronger in some regions than in others but which exists everywhere about the impact of the trade deal on Canada, and the impact of Bill C-130 on Canadians, it seems to me the proposals made in this series of motions are eminently sensible ones.

In addition, where these motions provide for consideration in committee of the House of Commons of persons to be appointed to head boards, surely parliamentary reform envisioned movement in that direction. Particularly in a debate on a trade deal with the United States that certain patterns of activity of congressional review of appointees of the President to the executive branch in the United States, that style of congressional review which very often is a fairly ready acceptance of the appointee, and in other cases where there are serious questions to be asked when it is a dubious appointee that is before the American citizens, surely this particular activity of the U.S. Congress is one that we might easily emulate in Canada.

It is shameful that the Government, which has spoken so much of parliamentary reform, and which had before it

proposals for some development of a tradition of parliamentary review of appointees in committees, has neglected and has failed to follow through on those initiatives. I am anticipating the attitude of rejection of opposition efforts that we have had time and again, and presumably there will be a decline of accepting the motions put forward to achieve that goal in this very important matter.

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

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. King): The question is on Motion No. 30. The vote on Motion No. 30 will be deemed to apply to Motion Nos. 30, 32, 38, 41, 43, 44, 50, 56, and 58. Therefore, we will vote on Motion No. 30 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon).

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. King): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. King): Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), a recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry) moved:

Motion No. 39

That Bill C-130 be amended by adding immediately after line 37 at page 21 the following:

““48.2. That the Tribunal be empowered to oversee the agreement; in particular it shall;

(A) 1. Report to Parliament to include;

(a) quantity and nature of Canada-United States trade;

(b) United States federal and state programs which affect Canada-United States trade;

(c) determine whether the rights and benefits to which Canada is entitled under the agreement are being denied;

(d) if the determination of the tribunal is affirmative under paragraph (c), then the Tribunal shall also determine and report what corrective action is necessary.