

*Bank Act**[English]*

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Questions and comments are now terminated. Debate, the Hon. Minister, Government House Leader.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your recognizing me. I would move pursuant to Standing Order 26(1):

That the House continue to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of second reading of Bill C-9, an Act to amend the Bank Act.

Mr. Waddell: On a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Port Moody—Coquitlam.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I believe I was next on the list to speak. It seems to me that the Minister has been, with respect, kind of smuggled in here to get up and make the motion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have been very generous today with opposite sides taking turns. Once a Minister rises, I must respect the fact that the Minister is in the Chamber and wishes to speak. I was not aware that this motion was being put. I figured he wanted to speak on the Bill. Therefore I have recognized the Minister.

The House has heard the terms of the motion. Would those Members who object to the motion please rise in their places?

And more than 15 Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 26(2), the motion is deemed to have been withdrawn.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Your Honour was kind enough, in your generosity, to say that you have been fair today and that you did recognize the Minister thinking that he was going to speak. Therefore I wish the Minister would speak now since he took the floor to speak. Instead he gave us a fast one as they say in baseball. We are here to listen to the

Minister, since the Minister was recognized and given the floor.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Port Moody—Coquitlam.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I might say that I am in agreement with the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis. He is absolutely right. When you play those kinds of games it comes back to haunt you in this House, and the Minister should know that.

Anyway I have got to wind up on the debate. I have one minute, I gather. Our position in the NDP is clear on this Bill. As the Hon. Member for Nickel Belt said, we do not want half a loaf, a quarter of a loaf, or a tenth of a loaf; we want the whole loaf.

Ordinary Canadians have to meet these bank charges, these growing service charges. The banks are pulling in the money on this to pay off, as the Hon. Member said, their external debts. We want some teeth in a Bill so that Canadians will not be gouged by service charges from banks which have a history of doing so. That is why we had the issue referred to a committee in the first place. I am disappointed that the Government did not come back with a Bill with some teeth in it to show Canadians that in fact it has responded to the needs out there.

I wonder if I might be able to speak on this Bill tomorrow. I am not sure, but I think the House will adjourn at six o'clock.

May I call it six o'clock and continue my speech tomorrow with respect to the banks.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member will have 19 minutes, plus 10 minutes for questions and comments.

[Translation]

It being six o'clock, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.