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would happen in the House. I will make the necessary correction.

Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Chrétien, moves that Bill C-3, to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1975, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** When shall the bill be read the third time?

**An hon. Member:** By leave, now.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Chrétien, moves that Bill C-3, to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1975, be now read the third time and do pass. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. A moment ago I suggested that a report stage amendment could be seconded by a private member, but Your Honour has now named a seconder who is not in the House.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I had not noticed that the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chrétien) had left the House. I will rectify the matter.

Mr. Sharp, seconded by Madam Sauvé, moves that Bill C-3, to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1975, be now read the third time and do pass. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, having made some simple corrections to this bill, having corrected one or two typographical errors, and so on, we have reached the final stage of debate.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Judging from the applause, this bill has a fairly good chance of passing. As everyone knows, the bill will merely add two more bodies to the other place.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Great!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** My hon. friend for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) says "Great!" He may represent Calgary North, but that is not far enough north to entitle him to one of these additional Senate seats.

**Mr. Lefebvre:** Stranger things have happened, Stanley. People have moved. Canadians are mobile.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** This bill will add to the other place a senator from the Yukon and a senator from the Northwest Territories. As I have said a number of times previously, we think this is a waste of time. We think that it is insulting northern Canadians to suggest that these new appointments will somehow bring them into the mainstream of Canadian life. This bill will merely add two more Liberals to the other place. In recent years, particularly in recent months, the other place has

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become merely the campaign headquarters for the Liberal Party of Canada. I oppose this bill.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if the hon. member will permit a question. How can the hon. member be so sure that Liberals will be named to those two positions? What proof has the hon. member? Can he prove his assertion?

**An hon. Member:** Are you a prophet or the son of a prophet?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot prove it—I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet—and to that extent I am stymied. However, judging from experience I say that within a short time two more Liberals will be appointed to the other place. It will be said that both represent our north. Perhaps the appointees already know about their prospective appointments. The salaries they will receive will be much greater than the salaries which applied when this bill was first put on the order paper. They will be Liberals, don't worry.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Mr. Speaker, on a further point of order, as we say in French—

[Translation]

You are striking a blow at your great experience in the House when you say that I am only guessing—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Although the hon. member for Mercier (Mr. Boulanger) sits far from the Chair, he should address his remarks to his hon. colleague of the opposition through the Chair.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Mr. Speaker, I have asked the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) whether, by guessing like this, he is not afraid of losing his great personal value and his great experience in the House which are universally conceded. Moreover, I wonder if his reputation as a great man will not suffer from such risky guessing.

[English]

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to admit that it is just a guess, but I suggest it is an awfully good one.

● (1410)

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a few words with regard to this bill. Although I do not come from the territories, I think this bill advances a very important principle. The principle is that all the people of Canada, whether they reside in the provinces or the territories, have a right to be represented in all of the federal representative bodies in this parliament.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** That is the simple principle of this bill. I know that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) has certain feelings about the other place, which he has expressed. There are some who share those views in some respects, at least in so far as the members of the other place are concerned.