

Province of Alberta. We recognized that over the years the House of Commons had lost the trust of the band members across this country. They were constantly aware of the very points about which the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior talked, the policies of the past Government. Every time an Hon. Member of Parliament came to the reserve saying that he was there to do good things, the Indian people immediately said, "Just a minute. We have had some experience with the good things you talk about".

There is another word I would remind Hon. Members of, and that is the word "consent". Parliament, which assumed that it had certain responsibilities, could invoke laws which impinged upon the lives of the Indian people. Those two words, I believe, are very important as we amend the Indian Act one more time. As we said in the committee report, we should move toward allowing again the self-governing process to take place in this country for Indian people. But with this Bill we will again impose band membership on the Indian people, that is band membership for those people who lost it under subparagraph 12(1)(b). This amendment, I believe, is consistent with the report in which I believe so strongly which says that we trust Indian people to bring back to the reserve members of their family and people who they think have a right to be there and who will contribute to the community.

I congratulate the Minister for this amendment because he is giving our trust to these people who were voluntarily or involuntarily enfranchised. We are giving our trust to the Indian bands and allowing them back to band membership if they feel they have the right to be there. That was the basis upon which we reported to this House some time ago.

In this Bill there is a recognition as well of the fact that after this Bill is passed, Parliament cannot extract itself from the process. We must review what is happening, and if we find that the courts impose themselves upon this legislation and change it in any way which can be pointed out to be detrimental to the Indian people of this country, we must involve ourselves again in that process. This Bill provides that two years from now the Minister and the parliamentary committee will review this process.

The two amendments put forward by the Government, I believe, are good amendments to the legislation. They were, in part, asked for by the committee and I support them.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on Motion No. 5A standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Yes.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

Motion No. 5A agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: An affirmative vote on Motion No. 5A disposes of Motions Nos. 6 and 7.

Motions Nos. 6 and 7 dropped.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We will now vote on Motion No. 18A. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 18A agreed to.

Mr. Crombie: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I take it that Motions Nos. 6 and 7 were disposed of as a consequence of the affirmative vote on Motion No. 5A?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Minister is correct. So far, Motion No. 1 was lost. Motion No. 5A was adopted. Motion No. 18A was adopted. There will be no votes on Motions Nos. 6 and 7 because of the vote on Motion No. 5A. The Speaker has given the opportunity to Hon. Members of the House to make comments on the acceptability of the other motions.

The next group of motions which are grouped for debate are Motions Nos. 13, 14, 14A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24 and 32A.

The mover of Motion No. 13 is not present in the House. Is there unanimous consent to allow the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner) to move the motion in place of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone)?

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In the preliminary ruling by the Speaker this morning, Item No. 7(a) says that an affirmative vote on Motion No. 13 will dispose of Motion No. 14. Therefore, no question will be put on Motion No. 14. I would like to submit, Mr. Speaker, that Motions Nos. 13 and 14 are two quite distinct issues. Motion No. 13 relates to the question of who is eligible to vote with regard to the establishment of band membership rules. Motion No. 14 requires a mandatory instead of a permissive appeal mechanism, and so I do not see how we can say that Motion No. 13 will dispose of Motion No. 14. I request the Chair's attention to that matter.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Speaker has already ruled on the group of motions that I am about to put to the House. What I suggest to the Hon. Member is that debate will start on the grouping as I have given it now, and if the Hon. Member wishes to make additional comments this afternoon during Routine Proceedings, which is the time the Speaker has allotted concerning other motions, he may do so at that time.

Mr. Penner: Mr. Speaker, you quite rightly drew attention to the fact that my colleague who was to move Motion No. 13