

Government Orders

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 76(8), a recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 13. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

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

Some hon. members: Yea.

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

Some hon. members: Nay.

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

And more than five members having risen:

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 76(8), the recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

Mr. Fisher: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of information, actually. I am wondering if when one votes in a situation such as this it is imperative to be in one's seat.

Madam Deputy Speaker: This is not like when each member is called by his or her name. It is as long as there are five members in the House. I think the hon. member would understand this.

It is my duty pursuant to Standing Order 38 to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception—

Ms. Langan: On a point of order, Madam Speaker—

Madam Deputy Speaker: I was otherwise occupied informing the House. The hon. member for Mission—Coquitlam, I am sorry.

Ms. Langan: Madam Speaker, it would seem to me with all due respect that having to prompt the government side on how to stand on these motions, we have always been under instruction that to speak in the House or to undertake activity in the House we must in fact be in our places. Could Your Honour give us a clear ruling on that, please?

Madam Deputy Speaker: If the hon. member will allow me I will verify the Standing Orders. Certainly to be recognized to speak the member must be in his or her place in the House. It is the first time I have had to face that. I will certainly look again in the Standing Orders and I will come back to the hon. member.

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It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception—Employment; the hon. member for London—Middlesex—Pearson International Airport; the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie—Trade; the hon. member for Ottawa Centre—Children.

The first motion is Motion No. 15 which stands in the name of Mr. Riis who is not in the House. Is there unanimous consent for somebody else to move the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Ms. Langan: Madam Speaker, there was discussion with all three parties that the motions put in the name of Mr. Riis would be put in my name tonight. There was agreement on that because I had been a member on the committee.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I had not been advised. I asked the question and consent was given. You understand I could not put the motion to the House without asking consent. I thank the hon. member.

Ms. Joy Langan (for Mr. Riis) moved:

Motion No. 15.

That Bill C-26 be amended by deleting Clause 10.

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West) moved:

Motion No. 16.

That Bill C-26 be amended in Clause 10 by striking out lines 22 to 30 at page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), selection according to merit shall, except in particular prescribed circumstances, be based on the competence of each person being considered in a competition for appointment as measured against the competence of the other person or persons also being considered in the competition, except that the Commission may prescribe by regulation circumstances in which selection according to merit would be inappropriate in view of the nature of the responsibilities of the position to which the person is to be appointed and in which selection may be based on the competence of a person being considered for appointment as measured by such standard of competence as the Commission may establish without being measured against the competence of other persons."