

**Senator Frith:** And we are saving you the opportunity of sending a message that would indicate support of the “killer amendments” of the Senate.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, as we have just had a vote, if it is agreed, perhaps we should lock the doors and record this vote right away.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Let the doors to the chamber be locked.

Motion in amendment negated on the following division:

YEAS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Asselin	Macquarrie
Atkins	Murray
Balfour	Nurgitz
Barootes	Phillips
David	Robertson
Doody	Spivak
Doyle	Tremblay—15.
Flynn	

NAYS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Anderson	Leblanc
Argue	(Saurel)
Buckwold	McElman
Cools	Neiman
Cottreau	Olson
Davey	Pitfield
De Bané	Rizzuto
Fairbairn	Robichaud
Frith	Stanbury
Gigantès	Steuart
Guay	(Prince Albert- Duck Lake)
Haidasz	Turner
Hébert	Watt—24.

ABSTENTIONS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Nil

MESSAGE TO COMMONS

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, we are ready for the question on the main motion.

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Are you not going to close the debate?

**Senator Frith:** I did not want to impose on you.

Honourable senators, Senator Flynn and I have been discussing the main motion for some time—that is, since the motion was originally put. We have failed to persuade each other to change our positions. He has put his position forward; I put my position forward earlier. I do not think there is anything I can add, because there is nothing new in the debate except Senator Flynn’s reference to rule 105, which states:

*The Journals of the Senate* may be searched by the House of Commons, as the *Journals* of that House may be searched by the Senate.

If it is the objective—as it is my objective with this motion—to be sure that the House of Commons knows what the Senate has done with the amendment to the Constitution by resolution tabled in this house, then the Senate should send to the House of Commons a message indicating what we have done rather than rely on the fact that we may or may not have searched the records. That is the reason for the motion and that is why I ask honourable senators to support it.

● (1620)

**Hon. Jacques Flynn:** Has Senator Frith closed the debate? We were not warned.

[Translation]

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable Senators, the Honourable Senator Frith moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator MacEachen, P.C.: That a message be sent to the House of Commons to inform the House that the Senate proposes the proclamation of an amendment . . .

[English]

**Senator Frith:** Dispense!

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yea.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Nay.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Will those honourable senators in favour of the motion please say “yea”?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yea.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Will those honourable senators who are against the motion please say “nay”?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Nay.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** In my opinion, the “yeas” have it. *And two honourable senators having risen:*

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Would honourable senators agree to having the vote forthwith?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.