

Anti-Inflation Act

nation to support the type of legislation contained in Bill C-73, and in the guidelines and controls contained therein. The people wanted alternatives, a reduction of government waste, not an increase in government controls.

The legislation before us, Madam Speaker, really commits a grave offence against the democratic system and traditions of this nation the consequences of which will be eternal. The legislation and the guidelines were announced and ordered by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), not by approval of parliament, not by a vote of the people but by television edict. This type of order is in itself dangerous, and if it continues our nation is headed in a very dangerous direction, a collision course with the political death of democracy, the death of government of the people, for the people and by the people.

In no way can I support this legislation because it interferes with the rights and the liberties of individuals. I do not favour controls over prices or wages. There are alternatives, and the government ought to get off its backside and follow decent suggestions.

● (2130)

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the House ready for the question on motion No. 3?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Pursuant to section (11) of Standing Order 75 the recorded division stands deferred.

All those in favour of motion No. 4 will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Pursuant to section (11) of Standing Order 75 the recorded division stands deferred.

All those in favour of the amendment to motion No. 5 will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

[Mr. Jones.]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the nays have it. The amendment is negated.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): There were not five members who rose from their seats, so the amendment has been negated.

Mr. Nystrom: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, and with respect, I believe there were well over five of us standing.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): When I called for the members to rise I saw only three, perhaps four.

Mr. Rodriguez: There were many more than that.

Mr. Blais: On the point of order, Madam Speaker, I distinctly saw more than five members of that party get up on the amendment. Could the question be put once more?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): That can only be done with unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Pursuant to section (11) of Standing Order 75 the recorded division stands deferred.

The question is now on motion No. 5. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): In my opinion the yeas have it. I declare the motion carried.

An hon. Member: How can you do that?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance) moved: