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does—we in the New Democratic Party are prepared to support the government. And we are supporting the government on this piece of legislation.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** A short question, Madam Speaker, just a very short one?

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I think the hon. member had the floor in the last one. The hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River, there is a minute and a half left in the period for questions or comments.

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Madam Speaker, I would like to address a very short question to the member for Okanagan—Shuswap.

If a transaction were to occur under section 16(1), a transaction which apparently will take place only by means of a cabinet minute, can he tell the House how he, as a member of Parliament, will be able to find out, *ex post facto*, afterward, the proceeds of sale, and to whom the property was sold and all of the terms of the deal? How will he find that out if he has not met with cabinet confidentiality—that is one reason he is going to meet, because the government doesn't release cabinet documents—and the commercial confidentiality exemption in the Access to Information Act? How is he going to find out for his constituents the terms of that sale?

**Mr. MacWilliam:** Madam Speaker, I said that this was a good piece of legislation; I did not say that it was perfect. The member fully recognizes that.

I agree with the member's concerns. At second reading, we are debating the principle of this legislation. I fully support the member's comments. The members of the NDP will be making a number of amendments when this bill reaches the stage where amendments can be made.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. members:** Question.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

**Madam Speaker:** I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

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### MISCELLANEOUS STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 1991

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-35, an act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of non-controversial and uncomplicated nature therein and to repeal certain provisions thereof that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General.

**Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (for the Minister of Justice)** moved that the bill be concurred in.

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I seek the direction of the Chair in how we are proceeding with Bill C-35.

Because it was brought to my attention, I have given notice of my concerns to the parliamentary secretary as well as to the parliamentary secretary to the government House Leader. It pertains to Part III of Bill C-35. What this particular bill does is make technical amendments to more than 90 statutes that cover every facet of government activity. Part III of the act, bills introduced but not yet assented to, refers to Bill C-3 which we have just dealt with. It also refers to Bill C-4. Bill C-4 has yet to be assented to. It is before the committee. It is deemed to come for debate on Monday of next week. We have amendments to Bill C-18 which is before the financial committee. We have Bill C-19, which is on another federal statute which will be coming before the House on Monday and Tuesday of next week. We have Bill C-22 and Bill C-26. Bill C-22 is in a committee of this House and Bill C-26 has yet to be called for second reading.

This particular bill is asking for amendments to these particular statutes which are now in different stages before other committees of this House. I would ask the Chair for direction and guidance. I do not think we can