

Routine Proceedings

Some hon. Members: No.

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

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The House divided on the motion which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 176)

YEAS

Members

Benjamin
Howdebo
Langdon (Essex—Windsor)
Mitchell
Parker
Samson—11

Black
Langan (Mission—Coquitlam)
McCurdy
Murphy
Riis

NAYS

Members

Beatty
Bjornson
Bosley
Bourgault
Casey
Clark (Yellowhead)
Cooper
Desjardins
Duplessis
Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)
Horning
Kempling
Marin
Moore
O'Kurley
Plourde
Siddon
Tardif
Van de Walle
White
Wilson (Etobicoke Centre)

Belsher
Blais
Bouchard (Roberval)
Campbell (Vancouver Centre)
Chartrand
Collins
de Cotret
Dick
Edwards
Hockin
Jourdenais
Lopez
Mazankowski
Oberle
Plamondon
Reid
Sparrow
Turner (Halton—Peel)
Vézina
Wilbee
Winegard—42

• (1350)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I just want to state for the record that the Liberals were in the House but, indeed, we did not want to participate in this little spat going on between the government and the NDP.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Peace River.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, did you hear my voice this time? I have to be careful. I am doubly handicapped when it comes to the member for Churchill. First, I am shorter and second, I have more hair and I know it absorbs the sound. That is why my voice did not project toward the Chair. I am not going to make the same mistake this time.

I want to enter into this debate but I want to enter into the real debate. The real debate that we are talking about here has nothing to do with the report that my hon. friend referred to earlier. It is really about the childish games of the NDP continuing once again today instead of allowing us to get on with an issue that is very important.

Bill C-5 is very important to a very small group of people in Alberta, twelve men who work for a small railway. What did the NDP want to do? They want to play games. They brag to us constantly that they stand up for the little people. We know that is not true. We know, in fact, who pulls their strings and it is not the little people, especially little people like me. It is the unions of this country and, in fact, it is not even the union membership. It is the leadership. Whenever the phone rings, these guys rush out to make sure that it is not Bob White or Shirley Carr calling to know what the marching orders will be for the next few moments.

Ms. Mitchell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I must remind my colleague who was speaking and also members of the House that we will not tolerate this continuing sexist language. We are not all guys in this House. We are men and women parliamentarians.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I apologize. I was only referring to the phone call and I assumed it would be the House Leader who would take the call. Therefore, I think "guy" does fit.

My point is that in fact what we have once again are New Democrats responding to the concerns of the union leadership in this land. We saw it demonstrated at their convention. We saw it demonstrated before Christmas because every time the phone rang—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I know this is a very partisan place and sometimes we make those comments but at some point I would hope that the hon. member would be relevant to the committee report.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I will be relevant and short. I will continue to be short.