

tory waterfowl population of North America. The management and protection of this resource is assigned by international treaty jointly to Canada and the United States. The very existence of extensive tailings ponds, particularly if they harbour contaminants, can constitute a serious problem which Syncrude has not adequately addressed. These are not matters that we can take lightly, Mr. Speaker. A few million waterfowl may mean the end of a good part of the hunting reserves in that area. The whooping crane happens to find its habitat in that area, and I think there are only about 40 of them left.

When we talk about the environment we find that the subject is suddenly uninteresting and unimportant. But when there is economic distress there is an immediate search for a quick solution. I would suggest that in the long run the country is going to suffer a great deal.

An hon. Member: That is what we are doing now.

Mr. Leggatt: If we move ahead with projects such as Syncrude without the careful assessment that is necessary, we will certainly suffer. The information we have now on the effect on the environment should certainly say: Do not go ahead.

I want to say, Mr. Speaker, in relation to the budget and the tax bill, that ours is the only party with the courage to recognize that the only way we are going to get this country back on the road is to start putting some money in at the bottom instead of the top for a change. If we do that, then maybe we will survive.

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I intend to be brief and I am afraid what I say may not be too popular. The budget was presented only three months ago. By this time everybody in this House should have had time to consider it, do their homework and be ready to vote the way they see fit. We have been debating Bill C-49 and the amendments to the income tax law long enough, I believe, indeed for several weeks. We have a motion, an amendment and a subamendment before the House. I suggest we get on with the detailed business of the House immediately.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: Right on!

Mr. Jones: Every member of the House knows or should know how he intends to vote. Therefore I move:

That this House continue to sit beyond the hour of daily adjournment today for the purpose of considering the motion, the amendments and subamendments presently before the House on Bill C-49.

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The Chair has received the motion from the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Jones). I am not clear whether the hon. member has a seconder for the motion.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to second that motion.

Income Tax

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): I would refer hon. members to Standing Order 6(5)(b), which reads as follows:

When Mr. Speaker puts the question on such motion, he shall ask those members who object to rise in their places. If ten or more members then rise, the motion shall be deemed to have been withdrawn, otherwise, the motion shall have been adopted.

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, a point of order. Because of the nature of the motion, Mr. Speaker, could I ask you to read it?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): It was the intention of the Chair to read the motion.

Some hon. Members: En français.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Moved by the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Jones), seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

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Is the motion carried?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those who object to the motion please rise.

And nine members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Nine members having risen in their places, the motion is carried. Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The question is on the amendment to the amendment. Those in favour of the amendment to the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment to the amendment (Mr. Broadbent), which was negated on the following division: