

Official Languages Act

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), the recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 28A.

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River) moved:

Motion No. 28A.

That Bill C-72 be amended in Clause 32

(a) by striking out line 23 at page 14 and substituting the following therefor:

“(a) subject to subsection (1.1) and (1.2), prescribing the circumstances in”

(b) by adding immediately after line 44 at page 14 the following:

“(1.1) An area in which there is significant demand may be established if the number of persons in the area in respect of an official language spoken as a mother tongue is at least fifty-one per cent of the total number of persons residing in the area.”

(c) by striking out line 2 at page 15 and substituting the following therefor:

“paragraph (1)(b), the Governor in”.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 28A negatived.

Mr. Speaker: The next question is on Motion No. 30.

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington) moved:

Motion No. 30.

That Bill C-72 be amended in Clause 32 by adding immediately after line 16 at page 15 the following:

“(3) No regulations made under this Section shall be inconsistent with subsection (1) of Section 20 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.”

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 30 negatived.

Mr. Speaker: The next question is on Motion No. 32.

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington) moved:

Motion No. 32.

That Bill C-72 be amended in Clause 33 by adding immediately after line 26 at page 15 the following:

“Nothing in this part abrogates or derogates from any rights, privileges or obligations with respect to the English and French languages, under the Constitution of Canada or other law.”

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 32 negatived.

Mr. Speaker: The next question is on Motion No. 33.

Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South) moved:

Motion No. 33.

That Bill C-72 be amended by adding immediately after line 26 at page 15 the following:

“33.1 Nothing in Part IV and no regulations made by the Governor in Council pursuant to Section 32 or Section 33 shall abrogate or derogate from the provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and, in particular, the provisions of Part IV or regulations made under Part IV shall be read or construed not to abrogate or derogate from the requirement of significant demand, significant demand being the number of persons who are in the linguistic minority in the area in respect of an official language spoken as a mother tongue is at least fifteen (15) percent of the total number of persons residing in the area.”