

Capital Punishment

To accelerate the business of the House and because of the votes that have taken place this evening, without wishing to interpret them, I would like to suggest, if I have the unanimous consent of the House, to proceed in the same manner with motions Nos. 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 37 and 43, and in this way, we shall have disposed of the amendments that I have moved.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This is an excellent suggestion by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin).

[*English*]

But as I have indicated earlier, perhaps the remaining motions, many of which will have to be given consideration, might be held off pending consideration to determine whether they might be grouped or withdrawn.

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock!

Some hon. Members: Carry on!

Mr. Speaker: If it is the pleasure of the House to proceed I would think the only process to be followed would be for the Chair to continue to call motions consecutively and dispose of them by voice votes.

The question is therefore upon Motion 24.

[*Translation*]

The hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) moved:

Motion No. 24.

That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended by deleting Clause 12.

[*English*]

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

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: Shall it be recorded that Motion No. 24 was defeated upon division?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 24 (Mr. Fortin) negated on division.

Mr. Speaker: Motion No. 25 in the name of Mr. Lawrence—

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. To prevent this ridiculous procedure, could I suggest, with unanimous consent, that these motions be simply withdrawn?

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. It is indeed a very co-operative suggestion and an orderly way of doing this. It would

take only a minute to separate these motions that stand. Perhaps as we call the motions seriatim for votes, those that stand in the name of the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) could be dealt with. In each case where the hon. member seeks the consent of the House perhaps he should do so as the motion is called. The question, therefore, is on Motion No. 25 in the name of the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert). Shall the same result that has already been recorded for the other motions be applied to this amendment to Clause 12?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Does the hon. member for Lotbinière have the consent of the House to withdraw Motion No. 26?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) moved:

Motion No. 26.

That Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code in relation to the punishment for murder and certain other serious offences, be amended by deleting Clause 14.

[*English*]

Is there unanimous consent that the House proceed to the taking of the division at this time on Motion No. 26.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is there unanimous consent to the taking of the division on motion No. 26 at this time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, the House is not in the position to proceed to the taking of a division on any of the remaining motions until such time as they have been dealt with and deferred by the House. Therefore, it being after ten o'clock, this House stands adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.

At 11 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.