

Broadcasting Act

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 8, standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five Members having risen:

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

The next grouping of motions is Motions Nos. 31, 42, 72, and 77. They will be debated together but voted on separately.

Since the Hon. Member for York East is not in the House, do I have unanimous consent to allow another Hon. Member to move his motion?

Mr. Lesick: I will, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. William G. Lesick (for Mr. Redway) moved:

Motion No. 31

That Bill C-136 be amended in Clause 3 by adding immediately after line 37 at page 5 the following:

"(m) programming that reflects the multicultural and multilingual nature of Canada should be provided within the broadcasting system as resources become available for the purpose;"

Motion No. 42

That Bill C-136 be amended in Clause 3 by striking out line 8 at page 7 and substituting the following therefor:

"subsection, and in particular provide access for underserved linguistic and cultural minority communities."

Miss MacDonald: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to interrupt to say that I am prepared to accept Motion No. 42.

• (1740)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The next motion is Motion No. 72.

Mr. William G. Lesick (for Mr. Redway) moved:

Motion No. 72

That Bill C-136 be amended in Clause 34 by adding immediately after line 29 at page 24 the following:

"(3) At least one director shall be representative of the interests of the ethnic and visible minorities and the appointment of that director subject to the consultation by the Minister of the groups and organizations that he deems representative of such minorities."

Motion No. 77

That Bill C-136 be amended in Clause 74 by adding immediately after line 26 at page 45, the following:

"(3) At least one member of the Commission shall be representative of the interests of the ethnic and visible minorities and the appointment of that member is subject to the consultation by the Minister of the groups and organizations that he deems representative of such minorities."

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): On debate, the Hon. Member for Vancouver—Kingsway.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on the amendment put forward by the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway). My Motion No. 31A was quite similar. I do not believe that mine was in order, but the amendment of the Hon. Member for York East was accepted. Basically they are both attempting to do the same thing. The amendment of the Hon. Member for York East is to change page 5, line 37, of Clause 3 which is the broadcasting policy for Canada. The Bill sets out some general policies: "It is hereby declared as the broadcasting policy for Canada that" and a series of things follows. At page 5, line 37, it states that "programming that reflects the aboriginal cultures of Canada should be provided within the Canadian broadcasting system as resources become available".

The Hon. Member for York East seeks to put in "programming that reflects the multicultural and multilingual nature of Canada should be provided". My motion stated: "programming that reflects the multicultural and multilingual nature of Canada should be provided within the system". The motion of the Hon. Member states: "as resources become available". I am a little more in a hurry. I say let's do it. The phrase "as resources become available" is a good excuse for some bureaucrat to state that it cannot be done because resources could never be available.

The main thrust of this amendment and of the other amendments, Motions Nos. 42, 72, and 77, is to deal with the multicultural nature of Canada. This came out during the hearings where multicultural groups appeared before the legislative committee and stated: "Look, you have not put us in there. We want to be put in and recognized as a separate group in Canada, as an interest or a group that demands some attention, some consideration, and has to take a place within the other groups of Canada". There is legitimacy to this view.

The best thing to do is go back to the time when Canada repatriated the Constitution in 1981. In that, what I could call the "Trudeau repatriation", there was a recognition in that Constitution, simply put, that Canada was like a cake. In that