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certainly, with respect, you have never ruled on the amendment to the Schedule that has just been put.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Mr. Chairman, in my view you ruled on that amendment twice. I think we should respect the Chair.

The Government has many more members in the House than the Opposition. The Government can vote to make sure that this tariff exemption on vessels over 100 feet stays where it is. The Government can make sure that fishing vessels of over 30.5 metres are treated in accordance with this tariff item if it wants to. I think it is a matter of voting on this amendment. We can see where the Government stands on the issue. The Government has the opportunity to vote this way or it can let the amendment go through. There is no question about it. Most of the Members involved from Atlantic Canada who belong to the Government Party want this changed. The New Democratic Party—

● (1810)

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. The words of the Hon. Member are not of very great use to the Chair in trying to determine whether or not this is allowable.

**Mr. Skelly:** Mr. Chairman, at the time the amendment was received by the Chair the Chairman indicated that the amendment would not be acceptable under Clause 14, but it would be acceptable and received under the Schedule. Was that not a ruling of the Chair, that that amendment was acceptable under the Schedule? The Chair would find nothing wrong with it, I believe was the wording. What we do have is a ruling that if the Hon. Member placed this amendment before the Chair, that it would be the acceptable thing to do; that it would be appropriate and acceptable to the Chair. That was the nature of the words of the Chairman. That was the ruling of the House.

Second, the amendment does receive the popular support of the House. Many of the Members here are in favour of this kind of benefit. I wonder whether the Chair should not accept it, given the Chair's first ruling, and given the sense of the House which the Chair would feel if he were to allow it to proceed.

**Mr. MacLaren:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I would be glad to have your guidance. Is it in accordance with our rules that an Opposition amendment can increase a tariff?

**Mr. Blenkarn:** It decreases it.

**Mr. Evans:** No, it does not.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** That has not been raised so far. The problem we have is, first, the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River is right. When I disallowed the amendment on Clause 14 I said it would be allowable under the Schedule. Therefore, the amendment is allowed as far as I am concerned.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Evans:** Mr. Chairman, I think if I recall correctly, you said the amendment—

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. The Chair has made a final ruling. We are going to proceed with the business in committee now. Is there any debate on the amendment?

Shall the amendment carry?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** All those in favour of the amendment please say Yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

Amendment (Mr. Blenkarn) negatived: Yeas, 18; Nays, 24.  
Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**An Hon. Member:** Six o'clock.

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There was a House order that the House would sit until we called it six o'clock. As yet no one has called it six o'clock.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Order. The Chair heard a Member calling it six o'clock, with all due respect.

It being after six o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6.18 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.