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Government has failed to do anything about these real incidents.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend is obviously right when he says that urgent measures should have been taken. And it would be interesting to know, and in fact a Member of the majority, and I don't want to embarrass him but he is from Quebec, from the Montreal area, and as I was saying, this Member asked or is going to ask the Solicitor General what measures he intends to take because this is very important. People are a lot more concerned about matters like these. These are the real issues. I want to thank you. This is an argument I completely forgot to bring up, but time is running out and I'm getting signals that we have to leave and that we have to hurry up. But I know one thing and that is that we all know what internal investigations are like. The important thing is that we know the facts. You are absolutely right. I want to thank the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) who always goes straight to the practical aspect of an issue. He has an intuitive flair for this and I think he is right to believe the Solicitor General could have made some kind of announcement on this matter. It is too bad, but I would have liked the former Solicitor General, and it is too bad he is no longer our Solicitor General, but what worries me is that he is now Minister of National Defence. We will have to watch him, mark my words.

[English]

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 the motion in the name of the Hon. Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher).

Mr. Kelleher moved:

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours that this House disagrees with the amendment made by the Senate to Bill C-67, an Act to amend the Parole Act and the Penitentiary Act, because this House believes that the National Parole Board is better structured and experienced to deal with all matters of fact relating to the prediction of violent behaviour and that public safety is properly preserved through decision-making being kept with the Board.

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 please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nav.

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

And more than five Members having risen:

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Kelleher) which was agreed to on the following division:

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Beatty

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Boyer

Brisco

Browes

Coates

Collins

Cook

Côté

Dick

Dorin

Ellis

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YEAS Members

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Fretz Graham Grav (Bonaventure-Îles-dela-Madeleine) Grisé Hardey Hawkes Hicks Hnatyshyn Holtmann Horner Jacques James Jepson Joncas Jourdenais Kelleher Kempling King Ladouceur Landry Lanthier Lawrence Lesick Lewis Lonez MacDougall (Timiskaming) MacKay Marin

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

Althouse Angus Benjamin Blackburn (Brant) Boudria Broadbent Caccia Cassidy Dingwall Finestone Frith Gagliano