

General Insurance Company of Canada

They have demonstrated leadership in many areas, including safety at sea, modernization of ships, care and attention for crews, and care for the men who have served on ships. They have served actively and meaningfully not only at sea but also on shore.

We can do no better in this chamber than to accommodate the requirements of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild and give speedy passage to the bill now before us.

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, as the sponsor of the bill has pointed out, my colleague, the hon. member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly), represented us on the committee which dealt with the bill. On his behalf I am happy to indicate our readiness to support it on third reading. I do so not only on his behalf, but in recognition of the fact that, although I was not here 60 years ago when the first charter was granted, I did have contacts with the Canadian Merchant Service Guild in the 1940s and 1950s. I know of the good work this organization has done, and I agree with my colleagues who have spoken that this guild deserves to have its charter updated. Mr. Speaker, we are happy to give third reading to this bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Earlier the House indicated its intention to consider and pass all stages of Bill S-18 this afternoon. We will proceed in that fashion.

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Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration) moved the first reading of Bill S-18, to amend and repeal an act to incorporate General Security Insurance Company of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first and second times, considered in committee, and reported.

Mr. Dawson moved the third reading of the bill.

[Translation]

He said: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the group comprising 1,300 caisses populaires, 11 federations and thousands of members of the caisses Desjardins, I wish to thank hon. members on both sides of the House for the wholehearted co-operation they have given the Desjardins group in this matter. We apologize for the urgency of the situation, and we thank them. We may be sure that the members of the caisses Desjardins will benefit considerably from their co-operation.

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I see there is excellent co-operation in the House today. In less than a few minutes, two bills have already been passed. I rejoice for my colleagues and the government members in this co-operation and in the opportunity I am given to join in, in view of the urgent need for this act, the sponsor of this bill for the greater good of all the members of the caisses Desjardins, a well-known name back home, which is synonymous with progress.

• (1730)

[English]

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It is because the request came from the caisses populaires that we are prepared to agree to the speedy passage of this bill. We are happy to give it third reading. We are doing pretty well today.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In that case I observe there is not very far to go. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business having expired, I shall now leave the chair until eight o'clock this evening.

At 5.32 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

CANADA OIL AND GAS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS INTERESTS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that Bill C-48, to regulate oil and gas interests in Canada lands and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Madam Speaker: When debate was suspended at five o'clock, the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) had the floor. The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

[English]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I will continue to read the letter from Conrad Black to me. Starting with the first paragraph, it reads;

For your information, according to our figures, Norcin Energy Resources Limited—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Waddell: I do not know whether my friends are applauding Norcin, Conrad Black or the Speaker.

Some hon. Members: The Speaker.