

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENTS ACT

MEASURE TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Bussières (for Mr. MacEachen) that Bill C-5, to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act, be read the third time and do pass.

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

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FORT NELSON INDIAN RESERVE MINERALS REVENUE SHARING ACT

MEASURE TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-26, to implement an agreement between Her Majesty in right of the province of British Columbia and Her Majesty in right of Canada respecting the sharing of revenues from the exploitation of minerals in the Fort Nelson Indian Reserve, as reported (with an amendment) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): There are two motions standing on the order paper at the report stage of Bill C-26. Motion No. 1 is procedurally correct, and it is the Chair's intention to put the motion to the House.

Motion No. 2, standing in the name of the hon. member for Notre-Dame-De-Grâce (Mr. Allmand), seems to be out of order on the ground that it goes beyond the scope of the bill. The long title of the bill reads as follows:

An act to implement an agreement between Her Majesty in right of the province of British Columbia and Her Majesty in right of Canada respecting the sharing of revenues from the exploitation of minerals in the Fort Nelson Indian Reserve.

I would refer the hon. member to citation 773(1) of Beauchesne's fifth edition which is as follows:

An amendment is out of order if it is irrelevant to the bill, beyond its scope—

For that reason, regrettably, I cannot accept No. 2 and I must rule it out of order.

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved:

That Bill C-26, an act to implement an agreement between Her Majesty in right of the province of British Columbia and Her Majesty in right of Canada respecting the sharing of revenues from the exploitation of minerals in the Fort Nelson Indian Reserve, be amended in clause 2 by striking out lines 14 and 15 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"on May 29, 1980, and recorded as document number 321-7/6."

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 1 (Mr. Loiselle) agreed to.

Indian Reserve Minerals Revenue Sharing Act

[Translation]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill C-26, to implement an agreement between Her Majesty in right of the province of British Columbia and Her Majesty in right of Canada respecting the sharing of revenues from the exploitation of minerals in the Fort Nelson Indian Reserve, as amended, be concurred in.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

[English]

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Should the motion not be put by someone who is present?

Mr. Nielsen: It should be put by a minister who is present.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The motion is put by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Munro). That is how it should read.

Mr. Knowles: That is better.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): It is the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

[Translation]

Mr. Loiselle: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give a brief explanation of the purpose of this bill. The Fort Nelson Agreement is aimed at allowing the Indians of this locality the possibility of maximizing the revenue it can draw from the exploitation of minerals on the reserve. The act gives the governments of Canada and British Columbia a good opportunity to adopt measures which would favour the social and economic development of the Fort Nelson Band.

Among the 573 Indian bands in Canada, those who have the good fortune or the opportunity to benefit directly from the development of resources on their reserves are rare indeed. The report on the condition of Indians published on June 24 states in a striking way that we must increase the financial resources of Indian bands to allow them to improve their social and economic conditions. Now, last January an agreement was reached in the wake of negotiations held between the Fort Nelson Indian band and the government of British Columbia. Recently, the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development had the opportunity to study this agreement of which we can be proud for, despite the contentious issues surrounding aboriginal rights, this is an agreement which was negotiated willingly and in good faith between the