

*Government Orders*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The question is on Motion No. 1.

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.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

Motion No. 1 negatived.

**Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap)** moved:

Motion No. 2.

That Bill C-38 be amended in Clause 5 by striking out lines 29 to 34 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

“amount of the net proceeds of the sale of any shares pursuant to subsection (1), other than net proceeds paid pursuant to subsection (2), shall be credited”.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I will just call for the question at this point.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic—Compton—Stansstead):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak in the debate on this bill. I would point out that the reason we are in such a hurry to pass all these bills is the Liberal party here, with 600 guests. It must cost a fortune. I am not sure where it all comes from, I do not know who is paying for it, since the party was supposed to have a very large debt.

[*English*]

**Mr. McDermid:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We are debating an amendment which is proposed by my colleague from Okanagan—Shuswap.

The hon. member complained earlier that they have no research department and therefore could not debate

the bill properly. I might tell the House that we offered them a complete briefing at the department, all the briefing material, and to answer any of their questions at that time. Not one of them took up the offer.

All they are doing today is deliberately delaying the proper procedures in this House. That is all they are doing today. I would ask the hon. member in all fairness—and none of us are impugning motives on any other political party—to bring some common sense to the House of Commons, not to be so foolish, and to carry on with the work of this House.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, I would simply remind my colleague from Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead that there is a rule of relevance in the House and if he wants to comment on Motion No. 2 before us I would be interested in hearing him. However, if he wants to talk about the celebrations on the Hill tonight, let him tell us right away.

**Mr. Gérin:** Mr. Speaker, I must admit that my colleague from Ottawa—Vanier is quite right. He is a very sensible man. But I cannot pass up the opportunity to tell you that what the minister just said is totally false. I never, ever received an offer for any briefing from his department. On the contrary, they think that they know the sacred truth and that they do not have to talk with pro-sovereignty Quebecers who represent a large majority of the population. They never contacted us.

He referred to a research budget. I will tell you that the House of Commons has always refused, through the government, to recognize the Bloc Québécois as a party, so we have to be treated as independent members.

[*English*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** There is such a thing as the rule of relevance. I would hope that the hon. member would speak to Motion No. 2. If he does not, I will recognize another member.

I will give him one more chance either to speak on the motion or I will recognize another member.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gérin:** Mr. Speaker, I thought that we were discussing the point of order that had been raised and I was waiting for your decision.