

We have a role to play in international development assistance. I hope the finance minister is watching this afternoon and hearing this debate. When he is considering the budget that will be coming down on Tuesday, he should realize that international development assistance is something that should be increased, not diminished. When we are increasing international development assistance we are making sure that wars can be prevented, giving people an option or some hope that they can develop their own resources and their own autonomy.

In conclusion, I say again that we approve of Bill C-25. We are happy to give it approval at third reading which I understand will happen later on today.

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. My hon. and gallant colleague from Bonavista—Trinity—Conception spoke at second reading of this bill and indicated the full support of our party.

He said that it was a fantastic bill. He said that it talked about human dignity, human life, and human rights. All those things we support, and we think the bill is a good one. I will not go into detail. He gave a lengthy speech at second reading indicating the reasons for our support. I agree wholeheartedly with what he said and commend his speech for reading by hon. members. I think it was an excellent speech on Canada's external relations and on peace and war in this century generally.

We will support the bill at third reading.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

• (1320)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: 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.

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The House resumed from Monday, December 4, 1989, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-34, an act to establish the Canadian Centre for Management Development and to amend certain acts in consequence thereof, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, as I was saying back on December 4 when I started to speak on this bill, I have to judge it in the context of what I believe the role of the Public Service of Canada is and whether this is or is not supportive of that role.

I was saying that no program we mandate or fund in this House is delivered without the Public Service employees of Canada. They are our eyes and ears on the front line of service to the public, feeding back to us, if we are wise enough to listen, the changing needs of Canadians and the world we live in. The role of the Public Service and how best to support the further development of competence, excellence, creativity and commitment to the nation and to service to the public depends on how one views the role of government. There is a huge myth that if only government worked like the private sector, God would be in Heaven and all would be right with the world.

There is a very clear and different role for the two sectors. The bottom line of the private sector is profit and the bottom line of the public sector is service to people and to the future of Canada. Both have to operate efficiently and effectively but each has a different reason for existing. That means they exist and operate in different ways.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada is the biggest employer in this country. There are one-quarter of a million public servants working directly for Canadians. Another quarter million work in Crown corporations and more or less independent but federally regulated government agencies.

[English]

This, in my view, gives the Parliament of Canada tremendous responsibility to ensure that government leads by example, to be on the cutting edge of new