

Northern Canada Power Commission Act

for a few more days. I invited the hon. member and his colleagues to follow the situation very closely, stating that if such a situation would persist I would reconsider that serious matter.

[English]

A week having passed, and not only the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) having raised the subject again but this week is supported by a similar notice of motion proposed by the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle), the subject is obviously still current. The situation has not improved in the ensuing week. A week ago I took the precaution of holding it over for a week for further study to see if perhaps during the intervening days the situation, which was changing rapidly, might be better. It obviously has not greatly improved, and I think it is important to note that it is not for the Chair to try to make a decision on the details.

There were further questions today, there have been questions every day, and there have been suggestions that perhaps some things might develop which might improve the situation, but surely it is not for the Chair to interpose itself to try to make a decision on the details. The Chair must accept the fact that a week ago the subject was raised by the hon. member for Bellechasse. I asked the House to wait a few days to see the situation would alter for the better. We waited a week, and it is now raised again.

As suggested by the hon. member for Bellechasse, as well as by the other hon. member, I cannot see how the Chair can ignore the fact that the situation continues to be grave. Therefore, it seems to qualify eminently as a very serious situation deserving the special attention of the House pursuant to Standing Order 26 and, if it meets with the approval of the House, I propose to set the debate for eight o'clock this evening.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF COMMISSION

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill C-13, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, would you please be so kind as to call for the yeas and nays?

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

Some hon. Members: Question.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five hon. members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: I caution hon. members that in the last 24 hours we have experienced some difficulty with the operation of the bells, and we will have to ensure that, during the course of the summoning of hon. members for this vote, the bells are in fact functioning in the West Block. They were repaired and are evidently functioning in the Centre Block and in the Confederation Building. If there is some difficulty in the West Block we may have to take steps to make sure hon. members are summoned.

In any case, call in the members.

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

● (1510)

(Division No. 31)

YEAS

Messrs.

Abbott	Demers	Knowles
Allard	Dionne	(Winnipeg
Allmand	(Kamouraska)	North Centre)
Anderson	Dionne	Lachance
Andras	(Northumberland-	Lajoie
(Port Arthur)	Miramichi)	Lalonde
Andres	Douglas	Landers
(Lincoln)	(Bruce-Grey)	Lang
Appolloni (Mrs.)	Douglas	Laniel
Baker	(Nanaimo-Cowichan-	Lapointe
(Gander-Twillingate)	The Islands)	Laprise
Baudoine	Drury	Leblanc
Bécharde	Duclos	(Laurier)
Bégin (Miss)	Dupont	LeBlanc
Benjamin	Dupras	(Westmorland-Kent)
Blais	Duquet	Lee
Blaker	Ethier	Lefebvre
Blouin	Faulkner	Leggatt
Boulanger	Firth	Loiselle
Breau	Flynn	(Chambly)
Buchanan	Fortin	Lumley
Bussièrès	Fox	MacDonald
Caccia	Francis	(Cardigan)
Campagnolo (Mrs.)	Gauthier	MacFarlane
Campbell (Miss)	(Ottawa-Vanier)	MacGuigan
(South Western Nova)	Gendron	Mackasey
Campbell	Gilbert	Maine
(LaSalle-Émard-Côte	Gillespie	Maireau
Saint-Paul)	Goodale	Marchand
Caouette	Goyer	(Langelier)
(Villeneuve)	Gray	Marchand
Caron	Guay	(Kamloops-Cariboo)
Chrétien	(St. Boniface)	Matte
Clermont	Guay	McIsaac
Collenette	(Lévis)	McRae
Comtois	Guilbault	Milne
Condon	Haidasz	Morin (Mrs.)
Corbin	Herbert	Munro
Corriveau	Hopkins	(Hamilton East)
Côté	Isabelle	Nicholson (Miss)
Cullen	Jamieson	Nystrom
Danson	Jones	O'Connell
Daudlin	Joyal	Olivier
De Bané	Kaplan	Ouellet