

*Government Orders*

Motions Nos. 4 and 22 are similar, both dealing with sentencing. They will be grouped for debate and a vote on Motion No. 4 will be applied to Motion No. 22.

Committees enjoy considerable power over a bill but procedural authorities are clear that there are some general limitations over which they are bound. First, a committee is bound by the decision of the House given at second reading on the principle of a bill and second, an amendment that is beyond the "scope" of a bill is out of order. For further clarification of and information about these points I would refer the House to May, twentieth edition, pages 549 and 550 and pages 555 to 558; Beauchesne's Fifth Edition, citations 763, 764, 773 and 774 cover the same ground.

Motions Nos. 4A, 7, 8, 11, 13A and 18A are thus not in order as they attempt to add new concepts to the bill. They are beyond the scope of Bill C-43. As hon. members are aware, this is not an admissible type of amendment.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 5 and 6 are identical and therefore the Chair will select only Motion No. 5. It will be debated and voted on separately.

[English]

Motions Nos. 9, 10, 10A, 12 and 24 are all in order. However, Motions Nos. 10 and 10A are the same and the Chair will only select Motion No. 10. Motions Nos. 9 and 24 are the same essentially, as they both strip the principle from the bill. Both of these motions are in the name of the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby and after consultation with her the Chair has decided to select Motion No. 24. Motion No. 9 will not be put to the House.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 10, 12 and 24 will be debated and voted on separately. However, the House will have to note that the question will only be put on Motion No. 24 if all other selected motions are negated.

[English]

I have concerns with respect to Motion No. 13 because it seems to the Chair to be attaching a condition to the performance of an abortion where there is no medically acceptable treatment to alleviate the health risk. It

seems to add a concept to the bill that was not envisaged at second reading, but I will give the hon. member the benefit of the doubt and rule Motion No. 13 in order. It will be debated and voted on separately.

[Translation]

Motions Nos. 14 and 15 are identical. Therefore, I shall select Motion No. 14. It will be debated and voted on separately.

[English]

Motions Nos. 16, 17A and 17B are in order and will be grouped for debate. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 16 obviates the need for a vote on Motions Nos. 17A and 17B. A negative vote on Motion No. 16 will require the question to be put on Motion No. 17A. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 17A will obviate the question on Motion No. 17B but a negative vote on Motion No. 17A will require the question to be put on Motion No. 17B.

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[Translation]

Motions Nos. 17 and 18 have been withdrawn.

The Chair at first had doubts about the procedural acceptability of Motion No. 19 but on reflection I have decided to give the hon. member the benefit of my doubts. This motion will be debated and voted on separately.

Motion No. 20 is in order. It will be debated and voted on separately.

[English]

For the convenience of the House, I will recapitulate.

Motions Nos. 1, 3A, 3B, 4A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10A, 11, 13A, 15, 18A, 21, 23 and 23A will not be selected.

Motions Nos. 2, 17 and 18 have been withdrawn.

The following motions are in order and will be debated and voted on as follows:

Motion No. 3, a separate debate and vote;

Motions Nos. 4 and 22 are grouped for debate and a vote on Motion No. 4, applies to Motion No. 22;

Motion No. 5, a separate debate and vote;

Motion No. 10, a separate debate and vote;

Motion No. 12, a separate debate and vote;