

Government Orders

Mrs. Gaffney: This is a very quick question because I know people are anxious to get home, but if a province decides it wants to export electricity into the U.S., what means or what mechanism will be in place that will allow Canadians to receive full disclosure of the actual export? Do you think that that is going to be covered in this bill?

Mr. MacWilliam: I think the member brings up a very perceptive question. What kind of access, what kind of process of disclosure is allowable under this particular piece of legislation? In looking at the details of this legislation, I would say that we have a considerable lessening of the ability of common taxpayers to investigate what the ramifications of an energy export provision are because through this bill they want to eliminate a lot of the process of public discussion and public disclosure. In response to a very important question that that process for public discussion with regard to the irrevocable sale of an energy resource has, in fact, been shut off. The people will have less chance to debate those issues.

• (1430)

That is precisely why the people in British Columbia and the people across Canada do not trust this type of legislation.

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

Some Hon. Members: Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent that I call it 3 o'clock? The honourable parliamentary secretary.

Mr. Cooper: May I, on behalf of the government, say that we have no intention of introducing any further legislation. We are quite happy to call it 3 o'clock.

We would like to wish all our colleagues in the House a very happy and good Thanksgiving.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Kamloops on the same point.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I want to say that we appreciate the generous comments offered by the parliamentary secretary.

Was it recorded in terms of the actual vote that it was passing on division?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being three o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 28(1), the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 10, 1989 at 11 a.m.

The House adjourned at 2.32 p.m.