

Government Orders

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred division at the report stage of the bill now before the House.

Shall I call in the members?

Mr. Foster: Mr. Speaker, while I was interested in the hon. minister's comments on the point of order that he raised, the consultations that have been taking place are along the line that we would defer the division with regard to motion No. 10 and the report stage vote until tomorrow afternoon. I believe the consultations that have taken place are along that line.

In view of that, I understand that the government is disposed to call it six o'clock. If that were the decision, that would save calling in the members today, because I understand there will be an opposition motion tomorrow which would involve an agreement. The House Leaders have been discussing this and have been expecting that third reading would be debated next Monday. I may be wrong. There may be other consultations, but that is my understanding of the arrangement.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, part of the problem we are having here is that this has erupted in the last couple of minutes. I have had conversations with members on the other side of the House. I have not been able to have conversations with my own party Whip to confirm his understanding of votes. I would think that with the accommodation that has existed within the House today, perhaps we could pass report stage on division and go from there.

Mr. Foster: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the arrangement was that we would defer the division until tomorrow on report stage and that we would go to third reading next Monday on this bill.

Mr. Cooper: I am sorry to cause confusion and difficulty for the Chair. Perhaps the Chair could give us a couple

of minutes because we do want to make sure that there is co-operation between the three parties, which is clearly the intention at this moment. We just had to get the right players together. If we could have a couple of minutes that will allow us to resolve it.

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the parties and I think you will find there is agreement that the questions would be put and we will deal with them when they are put. I understand the questions will be disposed of without the necessity of a vote. Assuming report stage of the bill is adopted, as I am sure it will be, we will then adjourn.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, we do not want you to put the yeas and nays on the division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Would you like me to put the question on Motion No. 10 again?

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: No.

Motion No. 10 negatived.

Mr. Mazankowski moved that the bill, as amended, be concurred in.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: On division.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I thank hon. members on all sides of the House for their co-operation this afternoon. May we call it six o'clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being six o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.