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tions and the reputations individuals have achieved resulting from their mobility within cultural industries.

For these reasons I respectfully recommend to all members that Bill C-263 be defeated.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Resuming debate. Seeing no member rise, the mover of the motion, the hon. member for Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt, has given notice to the Chair seeking the floor under right of reply.

Again I must advise the House that if the member for Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt speaks it will close debate. In fact no one else will be able to speak afterward and I will put the question immediately following his last intervention, which will be no longer than two minutes.

Mr. Hart: Mr. Speaker, Christopher Columbus was a man of vision. He did not accept the status quo. Many times people told Christopher Columbus that he was wrong in what he was doing, that he should not even attempt to look beyond or explore past the horizon, and that if he dared to do so he would surely fall off a flat earth.

Mr. Mitchell: Do you mean there were Reformers back then too?

Mr. Hart: The naysayers with whom Christopher Columbus dealt obviously were Liberals. Christopher Columbus was probably the first Reformer.

Bill C-263 challenges the status quo as did Christopher Columbus. However, unlike Christopher Columbus the ideas in Bill C-263 are not as radical. They are not a form of radical change but rather are a form of necessary change to Parliament and to the operations of government and of all crown corporations.

The accountability framework we are asking the five exempted crown corporations to be moved into is the framework all other crown corporations come under. There is no reason why they should be exempted.

It is a real shame hon. members of the House did not bother reading the reports of the auditor general from 1989 to 1991 wherein he expressed concern about the subject. I refer to section 4.100 of the 1991 auditor general's report which states:

The Office strongly supported the strengthened legislative framework for Crown corporations, and has continually urged that those Crown corporations that were exempted from Part X of the FAA be brought into line with its accountability provisions. It is important that Parliament have assurance that appropriate accountability provisions apply to all parent Crown corporations. When exemptions are granted, means should be found to ensure adequate control and accountability.

I urge all members to support Bill C-263.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Pursuant to an order made earlier this day the recorded division stands deferred until Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 5.30 p.m.

I seek the guidance of the House. Originally the debate was to end at approximately this time followed by a 15-minute bell for the vote. By virtue of the arrangement made earlier for the vote to be deferred, I could either suspend to the call of the Chair or commence another item of business.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I suggest we suspend for 10 minutes and resume with Government Orders at twelve o'clock.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Is it the wish of the House to suspend the sitting to the call of the Chair?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(The sitting of the House was suspended at 11.52 a.m.)

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 12 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT, 1995

The House resumed from April 6 consideration of the motion that Bill C-69, an act to provide for the establishment of electoral boundaries commissions and the readjustment of electoral boundaries, be read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): When the House adjourned, the hon. member for Mercier had fifteen minutes left.

Mrs. Francine Lalonde (Mercier, BQ): Mr. Speaker, as the debate drew to a close a few weeks ago, I made certain references in connection with this extremely important question put before the House by the Bloc Québécois: that Quebec should have at least 25 per cent of the members in this House.