

### Statutory Instruments Act

ville referred to a motion which he has again moved. I suggest that the procedure they have chosen to follow was not the right one and that we should rather support the government's proposal. Surely this request is legitimate and deserves special attention.

I would like to emphasize, as my colleague for Outremont (Mr. Noël) said previously, that the hon. member, to support his motion, has been resorting to the rule of exceptions rather than speaking about the substance of the motion. In a lengthy speech, he has been referring to exceptional cases and I think that, by so doing, he has very much jeopardized his position.

The hon. member for Outremont has quite masterfully explained the Income Tax Law. He has quoted sections 4 and 5 of the law. Moreover, he has alluded to section 12. I do not want to repeat what he said, but I should stress that he has demonstrated quite scientifically indeed how the Income Tax Act applies and how it must be amended.

Now he referred to the submissions heard by the committee. I must point out that these submissions were not unanimous in their contentions. Some people were entirely agreeable to the provisions of the white paper. Others however, members of totally different professions, spoke of both independent workers and employees who eventually become employers.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Order, please. The hour appointed for the consideration of private members' business having expired, I do now leave the chair.

[English]

I have been sitting here for many weeks during private members' hour and have enjoyed very much listening to hon. members who have spoken. Perhaps they are the best debaters in the House. May I repeat what I have said previously, that it is unfortunate that certain debates have to be sandwiched into one hour.

### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS ACT

#### PROVISION FOR EXAMINATION, PUBLICATION AND SCRUTINY

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-182, to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I believe that just prior to 5 p.m. it was agreed that motions Nos. 3 and 4 would be debated as one question and that votes would be taken separately if requested or required. The motions will now be put. Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Bell, moves motion No. 3 as follows:

[Mr. Trudel.]

That Bill C-182, an act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by deleting therefrom clause 26 at pages 12 and 13 and substituting therefor:

"26. (1) Every statutory instrument issued, made or established, other than an instrument the inspection of which and the obtaining of copies of which are precluded by any regulations made pursuant to paragraph (d) of section 27, shall stand permanently referred to a committee of the House of Commons, of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament that shall be established before the coming into force of this act for the purpose of reviewing and scrutinizing statutory instruments.

(2) The Standing Orders of the House of Commons that are applicable to a standing committee of that House shall apply to the committee established under subsection (1).

(3) Where a statutory instrument stands referred to such committee, the committee has, in respect of such statutory instrument, the power to recommend that the same be approved, varied or repealed."

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West),** seconded by **Mr. Fairweather,** moves motion No. 4 as follows:

That Bill C-182, an act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by renumbering clause 26 thereof as 26 (1) and adding the following:

"(2) The said committee further shall have the power to recommend by way of report to the House of Commons the amendment, replacement of annulment of any statutory instrument referred to it.

(3) In the event that the said committee should in any report recommend the amendment, replacement or annulment of any statutory instrument such report shall be brought on for consideration in the House of Commons within fifteen sitting days after the tabling thereof in the same session, if such be possible, or within the first twenty sitting days in the next session following and any debate thereon shall continue subject to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, until the report shall have been finally disposed of."

As I have indicated, the discussion will take place on both motions, Nos. 3 and 4, at the same time.

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I see the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Mr. Béchard) is here and the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) is coming in. I am glad to see him here also.

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** I would not miss it.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I am particularly glad to see the minister here because earlier in the discussion on the motion put by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert), when I was emboldened to point out that in my opinion the bill is a very skimpy edition of the proposals and recommendations contained in the report of the committee, the minister looked at me silently and reproachfully as if he were not ready to give much credibility to that statement. I could understand that coming from any other minister, but I think the Minister of Justice has read the committee report and I am convinced he will accept the fact that the bill is but a weak and puny version of the very reasonable and substantial recommendations made by the committee. I would have expected that kind of reaction from some of his colleagues who embrace the worst characteristics of the politician and civil servant combined—