

tives of employees on the Hill and, therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Hull-Aylmer:

That Bill C-45, an Act respecting employment and employer and employees relations in the Senate and the House of Commons, be not now read a second time but one month hence.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it clear that this amendment will give the Government a chance to respond within 20 days to the rulings that have just been issued by the CLRB.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it quite clear that if the Government insists on continuing consideration of this Bill, we, our party, intend to demand a number of amendments to ensure at least that the promises made by the Progressive Conservative Party during the election campaign will be properly discussed and considered, including classification questions, and many other items not covered by the Bill at this time. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, the Bill in its present form, does not meet the requirements of the Canada Labour Code. Obviously, we would rather have something than nothing at all, but I think that all Hon. Members who are concerned and involved, whether we are talking about the rights of union members or aspirant union members, or whether we are talking about employers—

Since the CLRB has just ruled on a subject of such significance today, I personally, with the support of my caucus and that of the Hon. Member for Hull-Aylmer (Mr. Isabelle), want to give the Government a chance to have time to reflect. It would give them 30 days' time. During those 30 days, it will be up to the Government either to accept or reject the recommendations made by the CLRB.

Mr. Speaker, we want to wait for the Government to respond to the news announced today, before proceeding with a Bill that may undergo fundamental changes as a result of the decision that has just been announced.

I know Hon. Members in the corner find it difficult to talk about union matters because that is not where their interests lie. That is obvious. However, as a Member representing the most industrialized riding in Canada, I have a right to speak, and I will continue to do so until my time has expired. That is why . . . Mr. Speaker, it is not our intention to reject the Bill out of hand but to give the Government a chance to reflect, during the period of 20 days they are being offered, on the ruling announced today by the CLRB, and that is my purpose in moving this amendment.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: I have been thinking about the Hon. Member's amendment. It is our custom not to interrupt debate. However, since the Hon. Member has moved a motion, which I take as a hoist motion in general terms, it is therefore in order.

*Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act*

Ms. Copps, seconded by Mr. Isabelle, moves:

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Resuming debate, on the amendment. The Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps).

[*Translation*]

Ms. Copps: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to know whether I have the right to speak now.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would like to consult for just one moment. The Hon. Member may know that our practice is, in fact, that speeches are normally made with amendments of this type moved at the conclusion of the speech. I appreciate that the Hon. Member may not have realized that and she may think that she has the right to rise again. Technically, she does not, unless the House were to give its consent.

Mr. Cassidy: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. We would be prepared to allow her to continue for her full 20 minutes and then move the motion at the conclusion of her speech.

Mr. Speaker: I think the Hon. Member for Hamilton East is signalling to me that she feels, in fact, that she has put on the record what she wanted to put on the record.

Ms. Copps: With the consent of the House, I would like to proceed.

Mr. Speaker: Is there consent to follow the Hon. Member the normal time to finish the speech which she began and assume that the amendment was moved at the end of her speech?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I wish to demonstrate that even on a Monday I am prepared to show the usual generosity of spirit of the Government and have the Hon. Member finish her speech with the understanding that she moved the amendment at the end of her speech.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton East.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments to enlighten those Members who perhaps have not been following the sequence of events which, in fact, have led to a decision of the Government to move ahead with Bill C-45 which, in fact, led us to move this hoist motion. In fact, a number of groups of employees on the Hill have been seeking the right to certify for some time. That right was originally upheld by the Canada Labour Relations Board and subsequently suspended. During the course of the suspension we