

nice little maps we have drawn on the globe. Therefore, we have to find the best way of determining how to care for the environment. Canada, that is the federal government, has to have the supreme authority on those decisions. Canada is the one that is speaking, not just for the country but for all the people in each of the territories and the provinces.

Motion No. 26 makes certain that the environment has to be considered before irrevocable decisions are made, so that the tax dollars that went into that 25 storey structure on the Oldman River will not be wasted in the future. It is not irresponsible environmentalists that are trying to block progress, it is very responsible environmentalists wanting to ensure that the project will only proceed when all things have been considered. That is the complexity of this bill and we will be talking about it over the next few days. For those people who are watching, please bear with us. It is complex and we want to do the best we can for environmental assessment in Canada because it is so important.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

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

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion No. 2 agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Motion No. 2 is agreed to. Therefore Motions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 20, 26 are carried.

Motion Nos. 11 and 18, standing in the name for the hon. member for Davenport, will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport) moved:

Motion No. 11.

That Bill C-13 be amended in Clause 17 by adding immediately after line 34 at page 14 the following:

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"(3) The Minister may terminate any agreements made pursuant to subsection 17(1) if the person, body or jurisdiction fails to comply with any section of this Act and the regulations, and refer the project back to the responsible authority."

Motion No. 18.

That Bill C-13 be amended in Clause 37

(a) by striking out line 20 at page 24 and substituting the following therefor:

"37. (1) The Governor in Council shall";

(b) by striking out line 38 at page 24 and substituting the following therefor:

"the Governor in Council shall, by order, authorize the responsible authority to exercise any";

(c) by striking out line 41 at page 24, and substituting the following therefor:

"out in whole or in part and to ensure".

He said: Mr. Speaker, briefly the explanation of this motion is that there is a provision in the proposed bill on environmental assessment whereby the minister can delegate to any person, body or jurisdiction the authority to conduct any part of this screening of a comprehensive study of a project or the preparation of a screening report.

Having done so and having delegated that authority, the proposed legislation is silent on whether or not the minister can revoke this authority, if he or she deems fit to do so.

With this amendment, we are proposing to the government that it be made quite clear and specific that if for any reason the minister deems that the process is not being conducted satisfactorily, then the delegation of authority can be revoked by the same minister in charge of that process.

Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I will also deal with motion 18 since you have already called it. What we are proposing on the Liberal side is an amendment to shift the decision-making responsibility from the minister who proposes that particular project to the entire cabinet. This may sound a bit dramatic and sweeping but nevertheless decisions are made in cabinet which are far reaching, national and of a scope that sometimes reaches