

Company of Young Canadians Act

● (10:00 p.m.)

[English]

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment (Mr. Macdonald, Rosedale) agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 as amended carry?

Mr. Nowlan: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman. I quite appreciate it is ten o'clock—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Nowlan: We gave you an extra half hour. I do not intend to make a speech. For the purpose of the record, before we pass on to clause 2—are we on clause 2?

An hon. Member: Yes.

Mr. Nowlan: I wonder if the Chair had time to consider the legality and propriety of the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Abitibi, that we so hastily voted on, and whether in fact it was in order.

The Chairman: Order, please. Of course, the Chair has considered it. I do not see how a point of order can be raised now. In fact, the amendment as proposed by the hon. member for Abitibi was put to the committee and a decision has been taken. As I understand it we are now at the point, "Shall the title carry?"

Mr. Nowlan: I want to point out that it is ten o'clock, so we still have a half hour. I do not intend to take any more time. In spite of the fact that much has been said in the last two days, and the minister has been here for the greater part of those two days, he has made no statement whatsoever about what is to be in the next bill that is to come before this House. I assume, perhaps incorrectly, and the minister can correct me if I am wrong, there is going to be a bill placed before this House. The minister said earlier that he would do that on Friday. He stated he could not tell us the details of that bill because it has not passed cabinet. We on this side understand that, but we still feel very strongly that he should at least define the bill in a general way, as he did for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Radio Canada last night. We have heard nothing from the minister.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Nowlan: If anyone wants to prolong the debate they can raise a point of order, and I will answer questions. I want to make it clear to those in the fourth estate, the news media, who should perhaps go to Senator Davey—that the suggestion of March 31, 1970 came from this side of the House.

The debate last night was not delayed by Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, but perhaps by a misunderstanding on the part of someone in some other part of the House. It was said over the CBC this morning that the opposition intervened and amended a compromise suggested by the President of the Privy Council. This is completely contrary to the truth, and I would like to have that reporter checked by Senator Davey.

Be that as it may, we are moving into a period of amicability and compromise. We have heard nothing from the minister on this question of what the intention of the government is. Do we still have his assurance that a bill is to come before this House for first reading on or before Friday? I admit there is not much time. Having heard some of the generalities that the minister stated to the press, we on this side do not intend to take any more time at this stage of the bill.

An hon. Member: Good.

Mr. Nowlan: Someone groaned or made an objection. I will sit down and let him speak. Our position is going to be made perfectly clear. When third reading of this bill, is moved we will be moving an amendment to send this bill back to the committee so the committee can recommend the dissolution of the Company of Young Canadians.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 as amended carry?

Clause 2 as amended agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall the bill as amended carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the third time? Next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.