Income Tax and Related Acts

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Order made Thursday, July 21, 1988, the recorded division stands deferred until six o'clock this day.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House will suspend its sitting until six o'clock p.m.

At 5.27 p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.

[Translation]

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 6 p.m.

INCOME TAX ACT AND RELATED ACTS

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Thursday, July 21, 1988, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that Bill C-139, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Frederal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977 and certain related Acts, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee, and on the amendment of Mr. Garneau (p. 17724).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 6 p.m., pursuant to order made Thursday, July 21, 1988, the House will now proceed to the deferred recorded division on the amendment of the Hon. Member for Laval-des-Rapides (Mr. Garneau) concerning Bill C-139.

Call in the Members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Garneau) which was negatived, on the following division:

Of course, my eminent colleague across the way, intelligent as he is, seems to have missed the point. We are not talking about the processes which occur at the conventions of political Parties. We are talking about those activities that occur in respect to elected officials and the bureaucracy in their official functions as members of the Government. It is our concern that because of the way in which the Conservatives arrive at their policies, secretively and without identification of source, that GCI, PAI, and the like will spread the loot around to create party policy for the Conservatives. This policy will not have the UAW, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, or the name of Conrad Black written under it. It will be secret, at least to the extent that we can measure untoward influence in this House. This legislation should do something about that, and this legislation has failed.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, I think that the Hon. Member did not catch my point. My point was how this gives credibility to his Party. I hate to say anything good about the Liberals, but in the two other Parties, an individual man or woman but not a member of a group, a lobby group or a union, can go to our conventions and introduced resolutions. How does it help his Party to act in the public interest when one can pick up its list of resolutions, as I am sure the Hon. Member has, and find that a good percentage of them are sponsored not by men and women as individuals but directly by the Canadian Auto Workers Union or local this and local that?

I hope the Hon. Member will agree with me, when he rises to give me the answer to that question, that it will be a better day when the only resolutions of his conventions will be sponsored by flesh and blood individuals rather than by unions.

Mr. McCurdy: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member must have said that in jest. Individual members come to the Conservative conventions and move resolutions that are forgotten about. New Democratic Party members, whether through unions or through local constituency associations, have not simply bought their membership cards the day before nomination meetings, subsequently to be forgotten about. They have joined the Party and they have responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to go to riding association meetings and convince the associations to support their resolutions.

I am not surprised that the Hon. Member does not understand the principle. It is democracy.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.