

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 23, 1985

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INVESTMENT CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-15, an Act respecting investment in Canada, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

Mr. Speaker: As Hon. Members are aware, there are 99 motions on the *Notice Paper* in amendment at the report stage to Bill C-15, an Act respecting investment in Canada. With the little time available to the Chair, I have had an opportunity, with the Table Officers, to examine all of these motions to determine their procedural acceptability or, in any case, to group them for debate. I therefore wish to suggest, at the moment, in a preliminary way, the following. I want to emphasize at this point, and I will come back to it at the end, that this is a preliminary suggestion to the House.

1. Motions Nos. 1 and 2 should be grouped for debate with a separate vote on each motion.

2. Motion No. 3 gives the Chair some procedural difficulty in that it appears to violate the principle of the Bill as agreed to, by the House, at the second reading stage and is argumentative in its form.

3. Motions Nos. 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 should be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

4. Motion No. 5 restricts the Minister's assistance to Canadian owned businesses to exploit opportunities for investment and technological advancement, thereby violating the principle of the Bill as agreed to at second reading.

5. Motions Nos. 6 and 7 be grouped with motion No. 4 and others.

6. Motions Nos. 8, 12, 32, 63, 69, 74 and 75 all deal with publicizing the information received by the Agency and should be grouped for debate, with a vote on motion No. 8 disposing of motions Nos. 12, 32, 63, 69, 74 and 75.

7. Motions Nos. 9, 10 and 11 were grouped with motion No. 4 and others.

8. Motion No. 12 be grouped with motion No. 8 and others.

9. Motion No. 13 seeks to introduce into the Bill new proposals which go beyond the four corners of the Bill.

10. Motions Nos. 14 to 18 inclusive were grouped with motion No. 4 and others.

11. Motions Nos. 19 and 20 would be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

12. Motion No. 21, like the previous motions referred to by the Chair, goes beyond the principle of the Bill as agreed to at second reading and therefore should not be proposed to the House.

13. Motion No. 22 goes beyond the scope of the clause it seeks to amend and would infringe on the financial initiative of the Crown.

14. Motions Nos. 23, 24 and 25 should be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

15. Motion No. 26 adds a new exemption to the clause and goes beyond the principle of the Bill.

16. Motions Nos. 27, 30 and 67 will be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

17. Motion No. 28 seems to go beyond the principle of the Bill as agreed to at second reading.

18. Motion No. 29 seeks to impose certain tasks on non-Canadian businesses which goes beyond the principle of the Bill and infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown.

19. Motion No. 30, as I stated earlier, is grouped with motions Nos. 27 and 67.

20. Motion No. 31 should be debated and voted on separately.

21. Motion No. 32 was grouped with motion numbered 8 and others.

22. Motion No. 33 seeks to establish a committee not envisaged in the Bill and is a new proposition which goes beyond the four corners of the Bill. Motions Nos. 54, 62, 65, 66, 71, 73, 92 and 93 are consequential on motion No. 33 and, as well, should not be proposed to the House.

23. Motions Nos. 34, 35, 36, 38 and 38A will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

(a) An affirmative vote on motion No. 34 disposes of motion No. 35. A negative vote on motion No. 34 necessitates the question being put on motion No. 35.

(b) Motions Nos. 36, 38 and 38A will be voted on separately.

24. Motion No. 37 would cause the Agency to review the assets of non-Canadians thereby discriminating against them,