Introduction of Bills

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the yeas have it

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1230)

(Division No. 508)

YEAS

Members

Axworthy (Windsor West) Belsher Harvey Blouin Hees Caccia Hovdebo Chartrand James Crofton Ioncas Duplessis Lanthier Fulton Lewis Gauthier

McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood) Oostrom Plourde Ravis Riis Vincent Young-25

NAYS

Members

nil/none

• (1300

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I was present during the vote but again refused to take part in this foolish waste of time.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Bill is to amend the Food and Drugs Act to require sellers and importers of alcoholic beverages to place a cautionary label on the containers of these beverages stating that excessive drinking impairs driving ability.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It is after one o'clock. I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1.07 p.m. the House took recess.

McCain Nickerson Sparrow Thacker McCurdy Nystrom Towers Oostrom McDermid Plourde McDonald (Broadview Ravis Wilson (Swift Current Greenwood) -Maple Creek)-42 Rossi Minaker NAYS Members Copps Marchi-3 Greenaway • (1220)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point or order. I have been awake here all morning. As far as the House of Commons is concerned and the work it has done, it might as well be in a sleep walk. I was here with a tie, still with my open-toed sandals, but that is the compromise and that is not the point. I did not vote, although I was here, and I do not intend to vote on any more of these facetious delaying tactics.

I abstained because I believe a Member has the right to bring in a Bill, but obviously what is being done is being done for many other reasons than to introduce a Private Member's Bill. It is a perversion of the parliamentary process.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I was present in the House when the vote was taken. I did not vote because I refuse to take part in this foolish waste of time.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, I voted against the motion, not because I am against the Magna Carta but because the New Democratic Party is using this process as a delaying tactic. New Democrats do not want to discuss the substance of the trade Bill.

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on the same point of order. I am not against the principle of introducing motions. I am against the principle of the New Democratic Party that with closure will be unable to—

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap) moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Food and Drugs Act (cautionary label on alcoholic beverage containers).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.