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[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I declare the motion carried.

Motion adopted.

[English]

BELL CANADA ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-13, an Act respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada, as reported (with an amendment) from a legislative committee.

• (1540)

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): There are two motions standing on the Order Paper and Notices in amendment to Bill C-13, an Act respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada. One stands in the name of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) and the other in the name of the Hon. Member for Broadview—Greenwood (Ms. McDonald). They will be grouped together for debate but voted on separately.

Mrs. Finestone: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like some clarification from the Chair with respect to this issue. The Chair has just announced that the two amendments will be dealt with together. Is that correct?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): They will be grouped together for debate but voted on separately.

Mrs. Finestone: Madam Speaker, I respectfully suggest that these are two separate issues. Clause 7 and the amendment which I have proposed to it deal with the possibility of Bell Canada and its affiliates moving into the communication, cable and broadcast field, whereas Clause 12 deals with information required by the CRTC with respect to Bell Canada and its affiliates.

I respectfully suggest to the Chair that these motions are not related and that they should be debated separately.

Ms. McDonald: Madam Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. As the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone) has just said, my motion is quite different from hers. I think it would be appropriate that they be kept quite separate since they deal with different aspects of the legislation and different clauses.

[Translation]

Mr. Gauthier: On a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) on a point of order.

Mr. Gauthier: Madam Speaker, in an attempt to help you and enable the House to get on with its work, could we not begin the debate on Motion No. 1 in the name of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone)? While you take the matter under advisement, Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member might begin her remarks and perhaps later you might let us know what your ruling is in this case.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Chair has considered the interventions of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone), the Hon. Member for Broadview— Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) and the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier). It is true that the motions apply to different clauses of the Bill. However, as both relate to a change in the definition of a person vis-a-vis an affiliate, they are sufficiently related that they can be debated concurrently. There will, however, be separate votes.

• (1550)

Mrs. Finestone: On a point of order, Madam Speaker. May I ask how you are planning to deal with the time allocation with respect to the debate on each of the motions?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): There is no time allocation. It will depend upon the number of Members who will participate in the debate.

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal) moved:

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-13, be amended in Clause 7 by striking out lines 8 and 9 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"7. Neither the Company nor any affiliate of the Company shall directly or"

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood) moved:

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-13, be amended in Clause 12 by striking out lines 36 to 39 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor: