

Federal Business Development Bank Act

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We are only voting on the amendment so far.

Mr. Stevens: All right, it is the amendment. I should like a ruling, if I may, as to whether once we pass the amendment to motion No. 2 we could proceed with motion No. 3 first, because I think the point is well taken that motion No. 3 is much broader and our inclination would be to support it for the reasons given. If that were defeated, we would then support motion No. 2 because it at least is better than the present provision in the bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): What the House is considering now is an amendment to Motion No. 2. The Chair has noted the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens), and all hon. members will be aware that the vote on motion No. 2 is deferred.

It will give the Chair an opportunity to consider the arguments made. Therefore it is not necessary, in order to make a decision on this point, to have a ruling at this time because of the deferral.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): All those in favour of the said amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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

Amendment (Mr. Clermont) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The question is on the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion as amended?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I thought you just said this matter would be deferred. Did you mean that you would defer calling the vote or simply defer the recorded vote until a decision is made as to what is to happen in respect of motion No. 3?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The vote itself will be deferred under Standing Order 75(11), and before that vote is taken a decision will be rendered by the Chair.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

[Mr. Stevens.]

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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

Some hon. Members: On division.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, there is a bit of confusion which could be cleared up if somehow we can be assured that there will be a chance to vote on motion No. 3. Somebody says that motion No. 2 has been carried. That is the whole point. We have been arguing that if motion No. 2 carried that would take care of motion No. 3, and that would be wrong. Your Honour said that question would be considered in the meantime. We cannot now have it said that motion No. 2 has been carried, for that would be the end of the story.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): I thank the hon. member. It was the understanding of the Chair that there would be a deferred vote on this. Obviously that was not the decision of the House this evening, and the Chair must abide by that. However, the view expressed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre will of course be considered. In the meantime we have motion No. 4 and motion No. 1, which the House may now consider. I would seek the advice of the House as to which of these motions hon. Members wish to pursue now. Motion No. 1 is in the name of the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton (Mr. Dick), and motion No. 4 is in the name of the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens).

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, could we request that there now be a vote on motion No. 3?

An hon. Member: No. It is carried.

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Mr. Speaker, the impression held by members in various parties on this side of the House was that the vote that was to be taken would not be a vote which would remove forever the possibility of voting on motion No. 3 as it appears on the order paper. We had the understanding from the Chair that the decision would be deferred as to the order in which we would deal with motions Nos. 2 and 3.

Mr. Beatty: On this point of order, Mr. Speaker, let me reiterate that it was quite clear to me, from what Your Honour said, that it was your intention to defer the vote on motion No. 2. It was our understanding we would have the opportunity then to have a vote on motion No. 3. Once having said you were deferring the vote on motion No. 2 you proceeded to call it, which came as a great surprise to us. I suggest it would be quite improper not to give the House an opportunity consciously to make a decision as to whether or not Motion No. 2 or motion No. 3 should be passed.

Mr. Stevens: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I say that I am sorry for the confusion on this point. I am particularly sorry our House leader is not here. We discussed this, and the consensus certainly at that time was that we would recommend that we proceed with the debate, and that hopefully we would proceed to all stages of the debate, but that if there were any votes they should