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done separately. I believe that was done by the Department of Justice, but I cannot confirm that.

Motion No. 33 (Mr. Epp, Provencher) agreed to.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved:

Motion No. 34

That Bill C-144 be amended in Clause 8 by striking out lines 14 to 17 at page 11 and substituting the following therefor:

"(3) Where an agreement is entered into before regulations have been made under subsection (1), subsection (2) does not apply in respect of the agreement until after the first such regulations have been made."

He said: The same explanation applies again.

[*Translation*]

Mrs. Pépin: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I agree.

[*English*]

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Yes, we agree.

Motion No. 34 (Mr. Epp (Provencher)) agreed to.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East) moved:

Motion No. 38

That Bill C-144 be amended by deleting Clause 11.

She said: Mr. Speaker, I have some difficulty with the inclusion of this amendment without reference. This was a consequential amendment dependent on one of the previous amendments which was asking that services for disabled children or children with special needs be covered.

I wonder if I could ask permission to call it one o'clock so that we could consult with the Table about this motion because it was really presented as a consequential amendment and was very much related to the previous amendment that we wanted to make which is not included at this time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I appreciate the Hon. Member bringing this to our attention now. I am sure that during the lunch hour we would be able to have some explanation as far as her request is concerned. Therefore, I—

Mr. Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to be difficult; I am not trying to be. I accept the explanation of the Hon. Member that a little more time is needed, but I think, if the House would be so disposed, that we could move to Motion No. 40 so that we could do the technical language amendments and then return to the uncompleted work. I would suggest we do that.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Fine. We will stand this motion, by unanimous consent, and go to Motion No. 40.

Motion No. 38 (Ms. Mitchell) stood.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved:

Motion No. 40

That Bill C-144 be amended in the Preamble by striking out lines 11 and 12 at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"AND WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada, having regard to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Canadian population, wishes to encourage the development".

He said: The explanation for this motion is the same as the explanation for the previous motions.

Mrs. Pépin: Mr. Speaker, I agree.

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Agreed.

Motion No. 40 (Mr. Epp, Provencher) agreed to.

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

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[*English*]

EMPLOYMENT

UNEMPLOYED OLDER WORKERS

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, according to statistics, older workers tend to become more discouraged than younger people in the search for employment and simply drop out of the labour force.

In 1986 the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) announced the Government was letting the Liberal government program expire in favour of a new system that would be expanded to include almost all workers who face trouble finding a new job after being laid off. Costs were to be shared by provincial Governments. So far, the Government has failed to get the provinces to agree to the new program which was supposed to expand the number of people receiving benefits and save Ottawa money at the same time.

Why blame the provinces for refusing to do the federal Government's job? Has the Meech Lake virus already infected the federal Government's will so much as to paralyze its ability to implement a national program of such social significance and urgency? What a sham!