

as precise a manner as we would like at the initial screening process.

I look forward to dealing with more on these sections in a few moments.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I believe that we have cleared up the difficulty in the point of order by the hon. member for Davenport. It was with regard to a reprinted copy that he did not have at his disposal. I think that has been cleared up.

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt):** Mr. Speaker, the legislation always assumes that the minister is omnipotent, that when the minister is faced with a problem, the minister will know exactly what the solution to that problem is. Consequently, in this particular section under the administration of the powers of the minister, the tendency has been to assume that the minister does not need the kind of instruction which will give the kind of guidance which will allow him to answer the question in the best possible way for the control of the environment. In Motion No. 29 which we just passed, we attempted to add to that the definition that is given to the minister, the guidance that is given to the minister so the minister can then best possibly use the legislation to protect the environment.

These three amendments that we are discussing now are intended to do more of the same. I commend the minister and the parliamentary secretary in their approach in attempting to do this. The very method used in these particular amendments has had the effect of broadening the responsibility of the minister without defining more particularly the goals that must be reached.

I suppose we could say that the effect has been to leave the minister with more discretion than he had before. Consequently, maybe we should judge these particular amendments by what they have left out rather than what they put into this particular clause.

Although I see no reason why we would not support the particular changes that are being suggested, they do not add to the ability of the minister to make sure that the environment is protected. In other words, they do

not give him any more guidance as to how he or she should act in a particular case with a problem.

On that basis, as has been indicated before, this bill could stand a considerable amount of tinkering which might be necessary even before it becomes an effective bill in this House and in the country.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. members:** Question.

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**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Motion agreed to.

Motion No. 30 agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** That applies to Motions Nos. 21 and 22.

Motion No. 31, standing in the name of the hon. member for The Battlefords—Meadow Lake will be debated and voted on separately.

**Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake)** moved:

Motion No. 31

That Bill C-13 be amended by adding immediately after line 26 at page 46 the following new clause:

“59.1 (1) Every regulation that is proposed to be made under section 59 shall be laid before each House of Parliament at least twenty sitting days before the proposed effective date thereof.

(2) Where, within fifteen sitting days after a proposed regulation is laid before either House of Parliament under subsection (1), a motion for the consideration of that House to the effect that the proposed regulation not be approved, signed by no fewer than fifteen Senators or twenty Members of the House of Commons, as the case may be, is filed with the Speaker of the Senate or the House of Commons, as the case may be, the Speaker shall, within five sitting days after the filing of the motion, without debate or amendment put every question necessary for the disposition of the motion.

(3) Where a motion referred to in subsection (2) is adopted by both Houses of Parliament, the proposed regulation to which the motion relates may not be made.