

Division

for the reprinted bill to show the changes from the original act.

In the reprinted bill, new section 15 in clause 2 reads:

The Canadian Forces are the armed forces of Her Majesty raised by Canada and consist of one service called the Canadian Armed Forces.

● (3:50 p.m.)

There is no indication given of the change made from the bill given first reading on November 4. There is not a single indication given of the change from the present act which is still in force and which, in section 15, reads as follows:

The Canadian Forces are the naval, army and air forces of Her Majesty raised by Canada and consist of three services, namely, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

My point of order is this: What is the committee of the whole to do? Is it to deal with the bill which was given to us and read for the first time on November 4? Is it to use the reprinted bill which was given to us today? If it is, how is any member of the committee to know from the reprinted bill what changes have been made in the act now in the statutes? By a very careful reading of the act now in the statutes and the reprinted bill now in our hands we can, of course, pick out the changes, but this is not the normal practice at all.

In respect of all previous bills the government has taken the house into its confidence and has always underlined and indicated the changes which were being brought about. Normally on the explanatory note pages the section of the statute being repealed or amended is printed. I submit that this has not been done in this amended bill which is now placed before us for consideration.

Mr. Speaker: Of course, this is a very interesting point. I cannot see much difference between the procedure proposed now and the procedure usually followed when bills and amended bills are being considered by the house. The only suggestion I can offer for the hon. member and for the benefit of all hon. members which perhaps is not a very useful one is that members could have both bills before them and compare one bill with the other. If hon. members can show me a standing order requiring that we should follow for the convenience of hon. members the suggestion made by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre then of course I would certainly rule in his favour.

[Mr. Churchill.]

What the hon. member is saying now is that it is not very convenient to proceed in the way in which the house is being asked to proceed. He may be quite right. I am not disagreeing with him. I have no right to express an opinion one way or another on this point. On the strict point of order, however, there is nothing in the standing orders of the house to support the contention of the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. I am afraid I can only suggest to him as I did in the first instance that both bills be used by hon. members in the course of the discussion.

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. C-243, to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Churchill: Call the yeas and nays.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour please say yea?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay?

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Hellyer) which was agreed to on the following division:

● (4:00 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Allmand	Émard
Andras	Ethier
Asselin	Favreau
(Richmond-Wolfe)	Forest
Badanai	Gauthier
Batten	Godin
Béchar	Goyer
Benson	Gray
Berger	Guay
Blouin	Habel
Boulanger	Haldasz
Brewin	Hellyer
Brown	Herridge
Cadieux (Terrebonne)	Honey
Cantin	Hopkins
Chatwood	Howard
Chrétien	Howe (Hamilton South)
Clermont	Isabelle
Côté (Nicolet-Yamaska)	Jamieson
Cowan	Knowles
Douglas	Lachance
Dubé	Laing