

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 10, 1985

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

INDIAN ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-31, an Act to amend the Indian Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Speaker: There are 44 motions in amendment on the *Notice Paper* at the report stage of Bill C-31, and Act to amend the Indian Act. All of these motions have been examined and I am now in a position to make a preliminary determination as to their procedural acceptability and to group them for debate.

Motion No. 1 is in order and will be debated and voted on by itself. Motion No. 2 gives the Chair some procedural difficulty in that it appears to go beyond the scope of the Bill by amending the parent Act. Likewise, Motions Nos. 3 and 4 also appear to be amending the parent Act. In addition, the Chair has serious concerns about the effect of Motion No. 4 on the Royal Recommendation. Motion No. 5 infringes upon the financial initiative of the Crown and thus is out of order.

Motions Nos. 5A, 6, 7 and 18A will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows: (a) an affirmative vote on Motion No. 5A will dispose of Motions Nos. 6 and 7 and no questions will be put to the House on Motions Nos. 6 and 7; (b) a negative vote on Motion No. 5A will require that the question be put on Motion No. 6; (c) an affirmative vote on Motion No. 6 will dispose of Motion No. 7 and no question will be put to the House on Motion No. 7; (d) a negative vote on Motion No. 6 will require that the question be put on Motion No. 7; (e) Motion No. 18A will be voted on separately.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 6A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 19 give the Chair some problems in that they all appear to infringe upon the financial initiative of the Crown and thus appear to be out of order.

Motions Nos. 13, 14, 14A, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24 and 32A all deal with various aspects of Band Lists and should be grouped for debate but voted on as follows:

(a) An affirmative vote on motion No. 13 will dispose of motion No. 14. Therefore, no question will be put on motion No. 14. A negative vote on motion No. 13 will necessitate the question being put on motion No. 14.

(b) As motion No. 14A is dependent on motion No. 32A, it is the Chair's intention to put the question on motion No. 32A.

The decision of the House on motion No. 32A will also apply to motion No. 14A.

(c) Motions numbered 15 to 18, 20, 21 and 24 will be voted on separately.

[*English*]

Motion No. 19 was grouped with Motions Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 and was dealt with earlier. Motions Nos. 22 and 23 appear to go beyond the terms of the Royal Recommendation and this is a cause of concern to the Chair. They appear to be out of order.

Motion No. 24 was dealt with earlier. Motion No. 25 will be debated and voted on separately.

Motion No. 26 gives the Chair some difficulty in that it appears to infringe upon the financial initiative of the Crown. Motion No. 27 also gives the Chair procedural difficulty in that it is attempting to amend the parent Act.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 28, 38 and 39 will be grouped for debate but will be voted on separately.

Motion No. 28A appears to go beyond the scope of the Clause in that it expands the use of the term "dependents" and would thus infringe on the financial initiative of the Crown.

Motions Nos. 29 and 30A will be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

Motion No. 30, similarly, gives the Chair some procedural difficulty, in that it appears to infringe upon the financial initiative of the Crown.

Motion No. 30A I dealt with a moment ago.

Motion No. 31 also raises in the mind of the Chair some procedural concerns because it attempts to amend the parent Act.

Motion No. 32 will be debated and voted on by itself.

Motion No. 32A was dealt with earlier.

Motions Nos. 33 and 33A raise the same concerns expressed for motion No. 31, namely, these motions appear to be amending the parent Act.

[*English*]

Motions Nos. 34, 35 and 36 appear to infringe upon the financial initiative of the Crown, thus going beyond the Royal Recommendation. Motions Nos. 35A and 37A will be grouped