

consider the principle of the bill as well as its substance in the total context of the Public Service 2000, as recommended by the public accounts committee.

We urge our members to support some of the clauses of the bill that would contribute to strengthening the Public Service and its ability to serve the public and improve labour relations. We oppose this bill, as it undermines the merit principle without adequate safeguards, destabilizes the Public Service, discourages the hiring and retention of highly qualified individuals, and reduces accountability.

We would like to see this bill, if it does move forward, substantially amended.

[Translation]

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the member a question. First of all I would like to congratulate her for the excellent speech she gave us this afternoon.

She was saying earlier today that when we phone some government departments, we get an answering machine rather than an employee. I would like to tell her that it is worse than that. If you call the immigration office here in Ottawa, nobody answers the phone. You can let it ring for half an hour. People there will tell you that they do not answer the phone because they just do not have time. This is the level of service you get from the immigration office here in Ottawa. This is intolerable, but it is thanks to the people opposite.

Here is my question. It has to do with advancement within the Public Service. If I understand the bill correctly, Mr. Speaker, from now on, should it unfortunately come to pass, all the government needs to do—

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• (1800)

[Translation]

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Thursday, February 6, consideration of motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-32, an act to amend the Canada Assistance Plan, be read the third time and passed.

Government Orders

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Under Standing Order 45(6), the House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred division on the third reading of Bill C-32, an act to amend the Canada Assistance Plan.

Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 103)

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