

Government Orders

• (1850)

I think these 3,000 workers could return to the labour market; is it not the wish of all members of this House to see these 3,000 people regain their pride? This country needs more people working to turn the economy around, but under the current system every time you hire someone, you get hit by a whole lot of new taxes.

The government must be consistent. Yet, it hopes that this House will pass its bills without reacting. It should listen to the Canadian people expressing themselves through us: let businesses and the unemployed breathe; do not stand in the way of the economic recovery; refuse to proceed with second reading of this bill before it is too late.

Mr. Plamondon: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understand that the government is very interested in continuing this debate but we do not have a quorum.

The Deputy Speaker: I ask the Clerk to count the members present.

And the count having been taken:

The Deputy Speaker: We do not have a quorum. Ring the bells.

And the bells having rung:

The Deputy Speaker: As we now have a quorum, the hon. member for Winnipeg St. James has the floor on the debate.

• (1855)

[English]

Mr. Harvard: Mr. Speaker, I understand that this is on debate.

Some hon. members: Question.

The Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is on the amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

[Translation]

And the division bells having rung:

The Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a) I have been requested by the Chief Opposition Whip to defer the division until a later time.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a) the recorded division on the question now before the House stands deferred until 5.30 p.m. tomorrow, at which time the bells to call in the members will be sounded for no more than 15 minutes.

[English]

It being 7 p.m. the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

(The House adjourned at 7 p.m.)