

*Excise Tax*

to tell you, sir, and all Members of the House that if I had had the opportunity to vote I would have voted with the Government.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce):** Mr. Speaker, I was at the same meeting as other Members. I respected the rule, stayed out and did not vote. I saw some of the people at the meeting that I was at come in here and vote.

I hope the admonition of the Chief Government Whip will be taken into consideration the next time.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme), on a point of order.

**Mr. Prud'homme:** Mr. Speaker, just a point of order. Perhaps we could avoid all these problems in the future if it were understood that when we are called in to vote in the House,—a duty that transcends all others—the House Committees do not necessarily have to meet. I had one this afternoon, and when the bells started to ring, I cancelled the committee as we are allowed to do under the Standing Orders. To avoid all these problems which could get worse in the future, those chairing committees, both legislative and standing, should realize that generally speaking, committees do not sit when we are called in to vote.

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### EXCISE TAX ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Gilles Loiselle (Minister of State (Finance))** moved that Bill C-20, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, be read the first time and ordered to be printed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

[*English*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Shall I dispense with the ringing of the bells?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Call in the Members.

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

#### (*Division No. 26*)

#### YEAS

##### Members

Anderson	Andre
Atkinson	Attewell
Beatty	Belsher
Bernier	Bertrand
Bjornson	Blackburn (Jonquière)
Blais	Blenkarn
Bouchard (Roberval)	Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean)
Bourgault	Boyer
Brightwell	Browes
Cadieux	Campbell (Vancouver Centre)
Cardiff	Casey
Champagne (Champlain)	Clark (Brandon—Souris)
Clifford	Cole
Collins	Cook
Corbeil	Corbett
Couture	Crosby (Halifax West)
DeBlois	de Cotret
Della Noce	Desjardins
Dobbie	Domm
Dorin	Duplessis
Edwards	Fee
Fontaine	Fretz
Friesen	Gérin
Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine)	Greene
Guilbault	Gustafson
Halliday	Harvey (Chicoutimi)
Hawkes	Hogue
Holtmann	Horner
Horning	Hudon
Hughes	James
Johnson	Joncas
Jourdenais	Kempling
Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast)	Koury
Langlois	Larivière
Layton	Leblanc (Longueuil)
Lewis	Littlechild
Loiselle	MacKay
Malone	Marin
Martin (Lincoln)	Mayer
Mazankowski	McDermid
McKnight	Merrithew
Mitges	Monteith
Nicholson	Nowlan
Plourde	Porter
Pronovost	Reid
Reimer	Ricard
Richardson	Robitaille
Roy-Arcelin	St-Julien
Schneider	Scott (Victoria—Haliburton)
Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth)	Siddon
Sobeski	Soetens