

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

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● (1150)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried. Orders of the Day.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder if there might be unanimous consent from the House to permit the Chairman of the Human Rights Committee to deposit a report from the committee immediately prior to entering into debate on Bill C-130.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. At first glance one would wonder why the Members of the House who are not supporters of the Government should help the Government out of a difficulty that it has created for itself by its arbitrary and abusive approach to the proceedings of the House. The Government has created this problem by moving in a pre-emptory and arbitrary manner that the House proceed to Orders of the Day before the stage could be reached—

Mr. Speaker: The Minister of State has put a proposition to the House. I know that the Hon. Member for Windsor West would want to give the Chair some indication of whether or not that proposition has support. Perhaps a number of Members in the House might very well want to make certain commentary on many things, but I would ask the Hon. Member to assist the Chair.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): The issue is, while we are always ready to assist the Chair, should we be assisting the Government out of a difficulty that it created for itself. I am ready to say that we will give consent because the report in question is a report of the Human Rights Committee. I understand that it deals with important issues involving the plight of older workers in the country. I want to ensure that the country realizes that if there is a problem that we now have with respect to tabling the report of the Human Rights Committee, it was created by the Government for itself and for the majority of Conservative Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker: I thank the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap.

Mr. Riis: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the Day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

The House resumed from Monday, August 15, consideration of Bill C-130, an Act to implement the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States of America, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee; and the amendments of Mr. Axworthy:

Motion No. 5

That Bill C-130 be amended by deleting Clause 3.

Motion No. 6

That Bill C-130 be amended by deleting Clause 4.

Motion No. 8

That Bill C-130 be amended by deleting Clause 6.

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 117. I move:

"That, in relation to Bill C-130, an Act to implement the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States of America, not more than two further sitting days shall be allotted to the consideration of the report stage, and two sitting days to the consideration of the third reading stage of the Bill; and

That fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business on the second day allotted to report stage consideration and on the second day allotted to third reading stage consideration of the said Bill, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this order and, in turn, every question necessary in order to dispose of the stage of the Bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment."

Mr. Speaker: I will hear the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) on a point of order, and then I will hear the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis).

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, the motion made by the Hon. Deputy Government House Leader is out of order and cannot be received by you and be put to the House. Why do I say this, Mr. Speaker? In attempting to move a motion for time allocation under Standing Order 117, the Deputy Government House Leader is doing something from which he is precluded because a majority of representatives of the Parties in this House has reached agreement for allocation of time under Standing Order 116.

The Standing Orders have three provisions for the allocation of time. Standing Order 115 applies when all three Parties, or whatever number of Parties there are in the House, have reached agreement. This is clearly not the case here. Standing Order 116 applies when a majority of representatives of the Parties of the House have reached agreement. Standing Order 117 applies when an agreement cannot be reached under the provisions of Standing Order 115 or 116.