

deal with the bill without debate, and if at this point I recognized the hon. member for Edmonton West, I thought he rose on a point of order. I may be inclined, to be fair to the hon. member for Lotbinière, to give him the same opportunity, but I would not like him to press his question any further if the minister will answer.

**Mr. Fortin:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on the same point of order. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, but I put the question at this point to show that we are now giving the Minister of Finance authority to borrow \$2.5 billion. A completely ridiculous procedure. I believe this system of carrying the motion will be abolished when we debate amendments to the procedure.

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**The Chairman:** Order. I must emphasize, for the benefit of the hon. member, that we have to act with such speed not only because of House or committee procedure, but also because there was an order by this House, approved by all members and the hon. member in particular, that tonight, at this time, we vote all necessary estimates, all amendments and the main motion.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order.

**The Chairman:** Does the hon. member rise on a point of order?

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I have to apologize, Mr. Chairman, for not being very familiar with procedure, because I am specializing mainly in production, and not in estimates. I would therefore ask for what I believe is a warranted explanation.

On Clause 5: \$2.5 billion which may be required for Public Works—I agree with this—and other general purposes.

Mr. Chairman, I would like the hon. Minister of Finance to clarify what is meant by other general purposes. Mr. Chairman, I have risen on a point of order, which is a serious matter, and I would like to keep the floor. If we have 50 chairmen in the House, it will simply not work.

**The Chairman:** Order, please. I ask the hon. member to resume his seat. I simply wish to refer him to the decision arrived at by the House last Friday which compels the

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Committee, at this stage, to pass the bill clause by clause, without debate. Then, the hon. member has the privilege to vote against Clause 5 if he is dissatisfied with the gist of it. He can only show his dissatisfaction by his vote. Therefore, I must at this time avoid other debates and, unless hon. members rise on points of order or procedure, I must call Clause 5.

[English]

Clause 5 agreed to: Yeas, 180; nays, 5.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

**Mr. Sharp (for Mr. Chrétien)** moved that the bill be concurred in.

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

**An hon. Member:** On division.

Motion agreed to, on division.

**Mr. Sharp (for Mr. Chrétien)** moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I think the government House leader was in some doubt a couple of days ago about the business for tomorrow. Perhaps he might be able to enlighten the House tonight as to what we will be doing tomorrow.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, it is the intention of the government to call two bills standing in the name of the Minister of Finance, Bill C-40 and Bill C-39, in that order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It being after ten o'clock, pursuant to standing order the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

At 10.31 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.