

*Introduction of Bills*

● (1110)

**MAGNA CARTA DAY ACT**

## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-315, an Act respecting Magna Carta Day.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

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

*And more than five Members having risen:*

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

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

● (1120)

*(Division No. 506)*

## YEAS

## Members

Axworthy  
Belsher  
Benjamin  
Bernier  
Blouin  
Caccia  
Caldwell  
Cardiff  
Chartrand  
Copp  
Crofton  
Dewar  
Duplessis  
Fennell  
Fretz  
Fulton  
Gauthier  
Gray  
(Windsor West)  
Halliday  
Harvey

Hees  
Hovdebo  
Isabelle  
James  
Ladouceur  
Lanthier  
Lesick  
Lewis  
MacDougall  
(Timiskaming)  
Marchi  
Marin  
McCain  
McCurdy  
McDermid  
McDonald  
(Broadview—  
Greenwood)  
Minaker  
Nickerson  
Nyström

Oostrom  
Plourde  
Ravis  
Ricard  
Riis  
Robichaud  
Rossi  
Schellenberg  
(Nanaimo—Alberni)  
Sparrow  
Thacker  
Towers  
Vincent  
Wilson  
(Swift Current  
—Maple Creek)—51

## NAYS

## Members

Blenkarn  
Greenaway

Taylor—3

● (1140)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I declare the motion carried.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, in anticipation that later today the Government will likely indicate its intention to invoke closure and muzzle Parliament, I thought this would be an appropriate Bill to introduce.

The purpose of the Bill is to afford Canadians, as beneficiaries of the gradual development of representative parliamentary democracy, the opportunity to commemorate, with the appropriate ceremonies in schools and other public places, the signing of the Magna Carta on June 15, 1215, an act which marked the beginning of the decline of arbitrary power and the emergence in Britain of responsible government from which the entire democratic world has benefited.

**Mr. Riis** moved that the Bill be read the first time and printed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Call in the Members.

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

● (1150)

*(Division No. 507)*

## YEAS

## Members

Axworthy  
Belsher  
Benjamin  
Bernier  
Blaikie  
Blouin  
Chartrand  
Comeau  
Crofton

Dewar  
Duplessis  
Fretz  
Fulton  
Gauthier  
Gray  
(Windsor West)  
Harvey  
Hees

Hovdebo  
James  
Ladouceur  
Langdon  
Lanthier  
Lewis  
MacDougall  
(Timiskaming)  
Marin