

which create a lot of jobs. As I recall, Mr. Speaker, shortly after this Bill was introduced a number of asphalt and building materials firms that had already been awarded municipal contracts urged the Government to heed their representations concerning contracts already granted to companies which had filed bids in good faith but now found themselves faced with new taxes on their products. On second reading, Mr. Speaker, I remember the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria) pointing out to the House that it was unfair to levy such a tax at this time because contracts had already been awarded and that the additional tax would be levied at the manufacturer's level, which would inflate costs and severely reduce the operating and profit margin.

As well, Mr. Speaker, I should like to remind the House that this tax will affect energy conservation. For instance, slow combustion stoves used to be tax-exempt, and they can contribute to energy conservation in Canadian homes. Now the Conservative Government slaps a sales tax on low combustion stoves, hardly the way to encourage Canadians to switch heating systems and do their bit in conserving energy.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I intend to support this motion to put off the adoption of the Bill for one year, just so Canadians will have that much more time to plan their energy conservation efforts and review contracts that have already been awarded. The Government would have a whole year to reconsider and perhaps change this tax.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on Motion No. 2 moved by Mr. Orlikow for Mr. de Jong. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Yes.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 81(11) the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

[Translation]

The next question is on Motion No. 3 in the name of the Hon. Member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?

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Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour 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 nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 81(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

Motions Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 are grouped for debate.

Mr. Orlikow (for Mr. de Jong) moved:

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-80, be amended in Clause 19

(a) by adding immediately after line 30 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by section 27 on the sale price of fabricated structural steel and pre-cast concrete for buildings and other structures shall be imposed on only sixty per cent of the sale price thereof."

(b) by adding immediately after line 37 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by section 27 on the sale price of fabricated structural steel and pre-cast concrete for buildings and other structures shall be imposed on only sixty percent of the sale price thereof."

[Translation]

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou) moved:

Motion No. 8

That Bill C-80, be amended in Clause 19 by adding immediately after line 30 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by Section 27 of the sale price of Structural Precast Units shall be imposed at only sixty percent of the sale price thereof."

[English]

Mr. Gauthier (for Mr. Garneau) moved:

Motion No. 9

That Bill C-80, be amended in Clause 19

(a) by adding immediately after line 30 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by section 27 on the sale price of fabricated structural steel and pre-cast concrete for buildings and other structures shall be imposed on only sixty percent of the sale price thereof."

(b) by adding immediately after line 37 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by section 27 on the sale price of fabricated structural steel and pre-cast concrete for buildings and other structures shall be imposed on only sixty percent of the sale price thereof."

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[Translation]

Motion No. 10

That Bill C-80, be amended in Clause 19

(a) by adding immediately after line 30 at page 19 the following:

"(4) The tax imposed by section 27 shall come into force on January 1, 1986."

(b) by adding immediately after line 37 at page 19 the following: