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full time basis and have the assistance of a staff in carrying out important policy decisions. The activities of the new department would embrace research, review in this field and the generating of policy. It would not replace or compete with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That Bill C-173 be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole house for the purpose of amending it to provide for a department of housing and urban affairs.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The Chair has serious doubts as to the validity of the amendment moved by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert) and if an hon. member would like to make some comments, the Chair would be happy to hear them.

[*English*]

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): What is wrong with it, Mr. Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): I think this amendment is not relevant to the bill. It

is beyond the scope of the actual bill. I refer hon. members to citation 418 of Beauchesne's Fourth Edition:

The question for the third reading is put immediately after the report from the Committee of the Whole. All amendments which may be moved on a second reading of a bill may be moved on the third reading with the restriction that they cannot deal with any matter which is not contained in the bill—

When a motion is made 'that the Bill be now read a third time', the same kind of amendments are permissible as on the second reading, i.e., amendments postponing it for three or six months.

The amendment must be relevant to the bill at third reading. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the main motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): The time being after ten o'clock, this house stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

At 10.40 the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to special order.
