

Motion Respecting House Vote

"The house, while recognizing that the rejection of Bill No. C-193 on third reading forbids the government to increase the personal income tax for this year, is nevertheless disposed to renew its confidence in the government provided that it takes immediate steps to restore the economy of the country and to alleviate the serious unemployment problem, in particular by the following means:

The immediate reduction of interest rates for housing construction.

Mr. Caouette: Three quarters of 1 per cent.

Mr. Grégoire: You will approve that.

To continue:

The reinstatement of a 6 per cent ceiling for interest rates charged by banks.

An hon. Member: That is still too high.

Mr. Grégoire: Third, and I insist on this one:

The guarantee that everything will be done to keep the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay continually open to winter navigation.

Mr. Speaker, there is unemployment in my riding. I also thought of my riding.

The construction, to be undertaken as soon as possible, of a supporting wall from Rivière-aux-Sables to Jonquière.

I thought of the hon. member for Villeneuve; it is always possible to become allies. His air terminal is known to be unsatisfactory.

The building of an air terminal at Rouyn airport, in the riding of Villeneuve.

Now, I also tried to obtain the co-operation of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Marchand), and that of the hon. members for Quebec South (Mr. Cantin) and for Lévis (Mr. Guay), and of all those residing in or near Quebec city.

Harbour improvement work to be started as soon as possible in Quebec city harbour, as requested by the Quebec city municipal council.

Here is another matter that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration wishes to discuss:

The increase in the number of months of eligibility for the manpower training course, under the Manpower Retraining Act.

Those are very specific requests, **Mr. Speaker.**

Furthermore, the Government undertakes not to interfere again in the field of educational television which comes under provincial jurisdiction.

This government will also see to it that Bill C-186 is passed during this session.

[Mr. Grégoire.]

With that, I made enemies of my friends of the New Democratic Party.

This government will also see to it that the Quebec government, be handed back its authority over all measures of social welfare with tax compensation, according to the requests made by the Quebec government.

I thought of mentioning the monarchy, —which would have pleased the hon. member of Lotbinière (Mr. Choquete)—but I changed my mind.

If the government agrees to all those measures, this house will renew its confidence in it.

The Speaker: The hon. member knows that his motion must be seconded. He indicated that the hon. member for York-Humber (Mr. Cowan) was prepared to do so, but inasmuch as I cannot see anything in the motion which refers to the York-Humber constituency, I assume that the hon. member will decline to support the motion of the hon. member for Lapointe.

● (5:40 p.m.)

[English]

Mr. Cowan: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, may I continue speaking on my amendment?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member be so kind as to wait for the decision of the Chair as to whether or not his amendment is in order. I believe the hon. member himself must have had some doubts when drafting the amendment; perhaps he could indicate to what degree he believes this motion is in order.

Mr. Grégoire: I do not believe at all I should have to explain it, since you have read it to the house. You said: "The hon. member for Lapointe, seconded by the hon. member for York-Humber, moves.. Shall I dispense"? So it is before the house and you cannot reverse your decision.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows that the motion has to be read before the house so as to give the hon. members the opportunity to help the Chair decide whether the motion is in order or not. If any arguments are to be raised on that point, I shall hear them and shall be able to give my ruling afterwards.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, in the circumstances I believe the motion speaks for itself and should be accepted.