

Government Orders

I wouldn't wish ill health on anyone, but perhaps a short experience of this kind would make them understand. If they had relatives, cousins, a sister or their mother, especially their mother who did this kind of work and they knew that one of their friends was earning 40 per cent more than their mother who works very hard, that should bring them to their senses.

Mr. Speaker, we live in Canada, we work in Canada, we were brought up in Canada, we want to raise our families in Canada and we also want to develop a sense of justice and improve our quality of life, and this is not done by downgrading either men, if one is a woman, or women, if one is a man, and especially not by downgrading people who are not as rich and not as powerful as we are. We must be fair, and as I said earlier, we must have heart.

I repeat that as a man, I would like to remind my fellow members, and especially those who do not speak my language, that they should improve their own language, if necessary, by removing all sexist terms, and learn to treat everyone with a sense of fairness and equity.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 1. A vote on Motion No. 1 will be applied to Motions Nos. 4, 8, 13 and 16.

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 nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 76(8), the recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

Motions Nos. 2 and 3 are virtually identical and the Chair has selected for debate only Motion No. 2. It will be voted on separately.

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn) moved:

Motion No. 2.

That Bill C-49 be amended in Clause 6 by striking out lines 37 to 39 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

"employer and the bargaining agent and shall be binding on the employer, the bargaining agent and the employees in that bargaining unit, on all matters relating to the employment of employees."

He said: Mr. Speaker, there is every likelihood that, just as surely as in the previous motion dealing with the Chair of the committee being referred to as Chairman in the text, this omission was something which could have been avoided. The omission of reference to the bargaining unit in this motion was probably due to either the government's lack of caring or understanding, or perhaps it is just simply an expression of the government's right-wing distaste for bargaining units.

The continuation of this whole concept certainly can be illustrated by the way in which the government has treated the members of the bargaining unit of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

I mentioned previously that all through the history these two groups, the hospital services group and the ships' crews, have been precluded from going on strike. Successive governments have to do this consciously. Within a certain period of time after they receive notice from the bargaining unit, they have to let the bargaining unit know who within a particular group they wish to designate as essential. In the history of both of these groups the designation has been total. It almost begs the question, because they even do it in excess of total, if you can believe that. There have been times when the governments have actually designated as many as 110 per cent of the people involved as being essential.

Mr. Murphy: They're going to hire them and then force them back to work.

Mr. Fisher: That is right. So we have this concept of designation in addition to the obvious inequities which the hospital services group have suffered through the unwillingness of the government to come to terms with