

Government Orders

● (1755)

It caused me to think about the difference between collective rights and individual rights. Perhaps we basically have grown up understanding and valuing individual initiative and individual rights.

It is my experience that not all but many Indian bands and many Indians are far more collective in the way they relate to each other and to society as a whole. If we are ever to bridge this chasm and get on to the future, in my opinion we are going to have to respect the tradition of the Indian people to the sense of collective responsibilities.

This means, as the hon. member for Saint-Jean mentioned earlier, that perhaps the justice system we have brought to North America is not suitable to the Indians. The recidivism rate among Indians is far higher than that in the general population. Indians in Canada comprise something like 5 per cent of the population, yet they are something like 25 per cent to 30 per cent or even more of incarcerated people. It is vastly disproportionate. In that case we should be looking at non-traditional means of changing the habit through what is being attempted now in the west: sweat lodges and the belief in the collective meting out of justice.

We certainly are in opposition to the particular bill, not because of the fact that it sets up a dispute settling board. Obviously that is needed and it is patterned after the one in Alberta anyway. We are in opposition because we are in opposition to Bill C-33 and Bill C-34 which this bill enables. We are in opposition not to create problems for the Indians but because we want some real solutions. In this debate we want to talk about real issues and to deal with things as they are, not as we would wish them to be.

We have to understand that there are all kinds of vested interests in the debate, not just the vested interests of the department of Indian affairs, people in Parliament, Indian bands or leaders of various Indian bands. We did not get into this situation by accident. We got into this situation because we were cross-threaded in everything we have done as far as the Indians are concerned ever since day one.

More of the same is not going to get us out of the mess we are in. We need fresh thinking. We need new vision and, above all, we need to question every move and every word that comes out of the Liberal government which got us into this mess in the first place.

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

The House resumed from October 31 consideration of the motion that Bill C-56, an act to amend the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, be read the second time and referred to a committee

The Deputy Speaker: It being 6 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a) the House will now proceed to the taking of the deferred division on second reading of Bill C-56, an act to amend the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Call in the members.

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

(Division No. 95)

YEAS

Members

Adams	Alcock
Allmand	Althouse
Anderson	Arseneault
Assad	Assadourian
Augustine	Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre)
Bakopanos	Barnes
Bellemare	Benoit
Bernier (Beauce)	Bertrand
Bethel	Bevilacqua
Blaikie	Blondin-Andrew
Bodnar	Bonin
Boudria	Breitkreuz (Yellowhead)
Bridgman	Brown (Calgary Southeast)
Brown (Oakville—Milton)	Brushett
Bélair	Caccia
Calder	Catterall
Chamberlain	Chan
Chatters	Clancy
Cohen	Collenette
Collins	Comuzzi
Copps	Cowling
Culbert	Cummins
de Jong	DeVillers
Dromiskiy	Duhamel
Duncan	Dupuy
Eggleton	English
Epp	Finestone
Finlay	Fontana
Forseath	Frazier
Fry	Gaffney
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Galloway	Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier)
Gerrard	Gilmour
Godfrey	Goodale
Graham	Gray (Windsor West)
Grey (Beaver River)	Grose
Hanger	Hanrahan
Harb	Harper (Calgary West)
Harper (Simcoe Centre)	Hart
Harvard	Hayes
Hermanson	Hill (MacLeod)
Hill (Prince George—Peace River)	Hoepfner
Hopkins	Hubbard
Ianno	Iftody
Irwin	Jackson
Jennings	Johnston
Jordan	Karygiannis
Keyes	Kirkby
Knutson	Kraft Sloan
Lastewka	LeBlanc (Cape/Cap Breton Highlands—Canso)
Lee	Lincoln
Loney	MacLaren (Etobicoke North)
MacLellan (Cape/Cap Breton—The Sydneys)	Malhi
Maloney	Manning
Marchi	Marleau
Martin (Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca)	Martin (LaSalle—Émard)
Mayfield	McClelland (Edmonton Southwest)