

*Customs Tariff*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Questions or comments? Debate.

**Hon. John W. Bosley (Don Valley West):** Mr. Speaker, I intend to be brief. This has been difficult legislation, particularly for those Members who come from Toronto. I want to elaborate on some of the concerns raised by the Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) and the Member for York East (Mr. Redway).

It seems that there is no one who seriously believes that Clause 10 is reasonable or sensible. Certainly, no one in the banking community believes that to be the case.

Some Members believe that a symbolic gesture with regard to Vancouver or Montreal perhaps makes sense. That may be easier to accept if either of those centres were being considered on an experimental basis, but that is not the case. We are being asked to accept permanent legislation which no tax expert believes makes sense.

On that basis, as an honourable Member, I do not think I can do anything but vote against the legislation. While I suspect that no one will believe me, let me make it clear that I do not intend to vote for this legislation because I believe it is unnecessary.

If this were reasonable banking centre legislation, I would then be arguing that Toronto should be included. I cannot believe that anyone would not contemplate anything called international banking centre legislation in this country and exclude the place where 80 per cent of the banking is done.

• (1630)

The Hon. Member for York East has raised his dilemma, and I simply wish to say to him that under the spirit of reform, the only way that individual Members will ever be able to make their points to a Government will be on third reading. In the end, that is where we will have to stand up, even though you and I know, Sir, and the Member for York East and I both know that we will lose this fight. Sometimes it may be necessary, when it seems appropriate, because that is what this Government in absolute legitimacy said, that when Members want to vote against Bills, they should do so. Well, I intend to do so, Sir.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** 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 yeas have it.

**Some Hon. Members:** On division.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I declare the motion carried.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

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[Translation]

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## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (for Minister of State (Finance))** moved that Bill C-87, an Act respecting the imposition of duties of customs and other charges, to give effect to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, to provide relief against the imposition of certain duties of customs or other charges, to provide for other related matters and to amend or repeal certain Acts in consequence thereof be read the third time and do pass.

**Mr. Pierre H. Vincent (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak to Bill C-87 which was debated in the House recently. This is an important measure which is designed to finalize existing economic agreements and which Canada needs to ensure uniformity between our files and those of other countries. Such is the main purpose of Bill C-87, Mr. Speaker, and you will recall that it was debated at certain levels, but unfortunately they did not focus exclusively on the issue. Bill C-87 ought to be adopted as soon as possible because it is an excellent measure which will solve some of the minor problems we have with respect to customs tariffs between various countries.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any need to go over what has already been said about Bill C-87. I am sure Hon. Members are aware of that and know the Bill ought to be adopted at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Speaker, all I can ask Hon. Members of the House is to pass the Bill as soon as possible.

[English]

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak a little on Bill C-87, because it covers two things. It is a revision and an updating of the Customs Act, and it also provides for a harmonized tariff between Canada and its major