Tabling of Documents

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those in opposed please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nav.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, the yeas have it. And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Mazankowski) which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 33)

YEAS

Members

Bernier Johnson Schellenberg Bissonnette (Bonavista-Trinity-(Nanaimo-Alberni) Bradley Schellenberger Conception) Brightwell (Wetaskiwin) Joncas Browes Jourdenais Cadieux (Hamilton-Wentworth) Kempling Clark Kindy Scowen (Yellowhead) King Siddon Stackhouse Landry Collins MacDonald Thacker Crofton (Kingston and Towers Crouse the Islands) Valcourt Darling Van De Walle MacDougall Daubney (Timiskaming) Vézina Duplessi Mailly Vincent Edwards Marin Weiner Fennell Mazankowski Gottselig McCain (Swift Current-Gravel McInnes Maple Creek) Greenaway Wilson Merrithew Hamilton Nickerson (Etobicoke Centre) Hawkes O'Neil Wise-61 Hicks Plourde Hnatyshyn Redway Jardine Reid St-Julien

NAYS

Members

Gauthier Grondin Isabelle MacLellan Malépart McCurdy Nystrom

Ouellet Waddell Young -17

[Translation]

Althouse

Benjamin

Blackburn

Cassidy

de Jong

Foster

(Brant)

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

Motion (Mr. Mazankowski) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Orders of the day.

refugee, that person must be acceptable as a refugee. He has been told on several occasions that the person he is referring to cannot be considered as a refugee under the terms of the Convention. That is something which must be respected. Apparently, the Hon. Member is trying to cast some doubts in the mind of Canadians while knowing very well that this Iranian cannot be accepted in Canada, not being recognized as a refugee.

[English]

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, Canada played an integral role in saving American hostages in Iran, yet it cannot save the life of one Iranian in the U.S. Time is running out. The U.S. has booked this man's return flight to Tehran for January 7. Therefore, will the Minister either grant refugee status to this man, issue a ministerial permit, or allow Canadians to sponsor him? Or is he prepared to condone a pathetically weak and inhumane Reagan-style refugee policy?

[Translation]

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, all the information we have received from the United States both from our own officials and those of the American Government, have convinced and persuaded us that the person he is referring to is not at all in danger presently and therefore cannot be issued a refugee permit, for it is granted only to people who are in danger. I just do not know how I can explain that to him, but that individual cannot enjoy a special status because he will not be in danger if deported by the United States.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Tabling of Documents.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the motion of Mr. Mazankowski, seconded by Mr. Hnatyshyn, that the House do now proceed to Orders of the Day.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.