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country and the interests of all the workers in Quebec and the rest of Canada.

That is what the prime minister said, that is what the Minister of Finance said, and that is what other ministers said. All of my colleagues as well as Mr. Johnson and the chambers of commerce have said it. A united Canada will bring us prosperity, but a divided Canada will bring us adversity.

This must not be. We have all been elected to this House to help build this great country, to make it better and more prosperous. Those are the commitments we made in the red book and that is what we will do as a government. This is why we urge Quebecers to vote no in the referendum, so that we can continue to build this country, to build an economy for each and everyone of us.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, before you put the question, I believe you will find the unanimous consent of the House that the bill be referred to committee of the whole to be dealt with immediately. I understand one of the chairs of the committee of the whole is preparing to enter the Chamber shortly in order to take over that measure should the House give its consent.

• (1540)

**The Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

(Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and, by unanimous consent, the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Kilger in the chair.)

(Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.)

[Translation]

On clause 6

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** Shall clause 6 carry?

**Mr. André Caron (Jonquière, BQ):** Mr. Chairman, would it not be appropriate, since it is a regulatory power being granted the minister, to see to it that the minister consults the House or the appropriate standing committee before issuing the regulation?

[English]

**Mr. Walker:** Could we have the question again, please?

[Translation]

**Mr. Caron:** Even so, Mr. Speaker, clause 6 makes provision for a regulatory power. I believe that departments often go too far in the definition of what constitutes a regulation. I believe

that it would be worthwhile and even appropriate for the Standing Committee on Finance to be consulted when a regulation pertaining to this bill is issued.

**The Assistant Deputy Chairman:** We have had technical problems and I appreciate the member for Jonquière's cooperation in kindly repeating his question.

**Mr. Walker:** Thank you. Now we understand the question.

[English]

The reason this piece of legislation and the tax treaty would come to the House in this form is to ensure that the House is clear as to what is being delegated to officials in terms of regulatory authority. However, the House of Commons has, through other committees, regular review of regulation. Any time a member feels this is not within the normal course of activities they can bring it to the attention of the House through that committee, but there is no particular regulatory reference back to the House of Commons finance committee.

[Translation]

(Clauses 6 to 22 inclusive agreed to.)

(Schedules I to IV agreed to.)

[English]

(Clause 1 agreed to.)

(Title agreed to.)

(Bill reported.)

• (1550)

[Translation]

**Hon. Allan Rock (for the Minister of Finance)** moved that the bill be concurred in at report stage.

(Motion agreed to.)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger):** When shall the bill be read the third time? By leave, now?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

[English]

**Hon. Allan Rock (for Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for the Federal Office of Regional Development—Quebec, Lib.)** moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

**Mr. David Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak today at third reading of Bill C-105, the Income Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 1995.

Hon. members will recall that Bill C-105 implements reciprocal income tax conventions between Canada and Latvia, Canada and Estonia, Canada and Trinidad and Tobago, and a protocol to