

duties under those sections, the directors of the company may rely upon any statements made in any declarations submitted under section 38D or rely upon their own knowledge of the circumstances; and the directors are not liable in any action for anything done or omitted by them in good faith as a result of any conclusions made by them on the basis of any such statements or knowledge."

38F. Upon application of a non-resident, if the Minister decides it is in the national interest and provision has been made for all interested parties to express their views to the Minister, the Minister may make an order exempting in whole or in part the person from the provisions of sections 38B to 38E."—*Mr. Saltsman*.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I must tell the honourable Member for Waterloo (Mr. Saltsman) that I feel very unhappy about having to reach the conclusion that the amendment should not be put. I suspect it is the result of considerable work. It would appear to be a drafting masterpiece. In fact, after studying the honourable Member's amendment the impression I have is that it is in essence a legislative proposal which stands on its own two feet and might very well be the subject of a private bill sponsored by the honourable Member. To my way of thinking this amendment goes considerably beyond the purpose and purport of the bill before us. As the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) has indicated the honourable Member for Waterloo himself has indicated that what he is trying to do is introduce a new aspect or a new proposal which in effect would change the basis of the bill itself. My impression is that in a way the honourable Member has sought to amend more than the bill which is before us. He has sought to go behind this bill to amend the Corporations Act. In other words he has sought to make a change which would not only affect the bill before us but also the act which the bill seeks to amend. In this respect the amendment should not be accepted.

Again I say to the honourable Member that it is with considerable hesitation that I reach this decision because I think it is very unfortunate that an amendment which is so well prepared and drafted should not have an opportunity to be debated. Perhaps the honourable Member will give some thought to the possibility of introducing this proposed legislation by way of a private bill at which time a debate could be held in the House. I apologize to the honourable Member and say to him very sincerely that it is with regret I must rule that the amendment should not be put.

Motions numbered (3) and (5), as follows, having been called:

(3) That Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canada Corporations Act and other statutory provisions related to the subject matter of certain of those amendments, be amended by adding in clause 12 immediately after the word "order" in line 34 of page 52 the following:

"provided however that in the event of an acquittal of such person or on the withdrawal or abandonment of a prosecution under Section 112 or the dismissal, withdrawal or abandonment of an application as herein above described it may be recommended to Her Majesty in the right of Canada to pay to that person such costs as may be specified in the order."—*Mr. Lambert* (Edmonton West).