

Bank Act

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. The hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) warned the Chair and other hon. members earlier on that he might want to address himself to the question of certain motions which might or might not be treated in accordance with the proposals made at eight o'clock this evening. I take the point of view that this proceeding will not interfere with the hon. member's right to pursue that matter later, or whenever.

Shall I dispense with reading the motion?

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the nays have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I declare the motion negatived on division.

Motion No. 22 (Mr. Rae) negatived.

Mr. Lambert: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, before we go to motion No. 23 may I make reference to the document prepared by the officers of the Table on behalf of Madam Speaker respecting the groupings of the motions which are still on the order paper and what would be proposed for the grouping and the voting. I have examined the document and everything seems to be in order. No amendments have been missed. As far as we are concerned we are quite prepared to have this made an order of the House at this time.

I will propose a motion if need be, or it can come from the government side.

Mr. Bussières: Go ahead.

Mr. Lambert: Therefore, I would move, that the document headed "Further Notice on Report Stage of Bill C-6" dated Thursday, November 13, 1980, with regard to motions No. 22 and on as they appear in that document be made an order of this House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It would appear that there is agreement to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Edmonton West to the effect that in the paragraph in the document dated today, to which the hon. member referred, dealing with motions Nos. 22 through 58 and as enumerated within that paragraph shall be debated and voted upon separately and there be an order of the House to pass to that effect—

Some hon. Members: All of it. The entire document.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I would like to correct myself. The hon. member for Edmonton West has indicated that his motion states that all of the remaining notes proposed by the Speaker would be dealt with in the manner described in that document. Is it so agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Agreed and so ordered. We will move now to motion No. 23.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill) for Mr. Rae moved:

Motion No. 23

That Bill C-6, an act to revise the Bank Act, to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act, to establish the Canadian Payments Association and to amend other acts in consequence thereof, be amended in clause 2 by striking out lines 26 to 31 at page 171 and substituting the following therefor:

"processing services other than those services directly ancillary to the business of banking."

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Mr. Speaker, we have two concerns I would like to express. There has been wide-ranging debate on the ability of the banks to become involved in activities which are not traditional banking areas. One example was automobile leasing, and then there was the whole question of data processing. The government in its proposal raises serious questions about what has happened in this area. Serious concerns were expressed by very effective lobby groups which appeared before the committee. These groups had obviously spent a tremendous number of hours and considerable funds working to bring to this committee their concerns about banks expanding to areas which are not traditional to banks. They expressed the concern that the banks, with the financial power and muscle they have behind them, would put their competitors out of business.

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I want to use the leasing example, Mr. Speaker—because I think its outcome is positive—to illustrate how important this was. Members of the committee, witnesses who appeared there, the letters that were received, the people who work for auto dealers and the auto dealers themselves, made some very substantial points. They said they could not survive against the banks. They also said that they, collectively, employed more people than all the auto manufacturers in Canada. I do not think too many years will pass before they are the only people employed in the auto industry in Canada, considering the government's present approach to that industry. They did an excellent job of expressing their concerns and I think the