

Adjournment Debate

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[Translation]

It is reasonable to conclude that the opposition's demands for the studies followed by their refusal to have them placed before committee is nothing more than a further example of their attempts to stall the progress of this Bill and the benefits it will bring to Canadians.

Committee study will provide the appropriate forum for examination and discussion of the issue of costs. It provides for an evaluation and assessment in which all parties share as well as members of the public and the industry. Committee study allows for a variety of informed opinions to be heard. Thus, it is a more appropriate opportunity for constructive discussion of the studies which were the basis of the policy. Ideas and interpretations of the points which this Bill addresses will require the consideration of experts on the subject, both of the Government and elsewhere. Let us have a full and open

examination of the issue. That is how progress can be made on this issue and not through repetitious debate *ad infinitum*.

To use the issue of cost study as a procedural wrangle to delay this policy is not fair to the Canadian public. The proper place to review such information is in committee, where testimony from all informed witnesses can be heard. There is no need for procedural tactics designed simply to hold up the Bill.

The proposed amendments to the Patent Act are a balanced package of amendments designed to fulfill a variety of objectives for the benefit of all Canadians. By reviewing the information which backs this Bill in committee, we will get efficient and effective discussion appropriate to its importance.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

At 6.26 p.m., the House adjourned.