

Allotment of Time for Bill C-11

This bill has been around since last spring when the then minister of finance, the hon. member for Rosedale, presented his budget. We have already passed two or three bills which he presented. What is in this bill is not new. The additions brought down by the Minister of Finance in his so-called mini-budget were not extensive in terms of technicalities.

The other point is the comment which was made in the *Financial Post* by a lawyer whose name escapes me. I paraphrase what he said. He stated that anyone who knows anything about tax law would have to tear out his hair in frustration if he expected to find any enlightenment about what was going on from what was said in the House of Commons. Quite frankly, that is an appropriate comment. All one has to do is look at the speeches made over the last four weeks on this bill to find out how little goes on. He also made the point that members opposite did not understand the proposals they were criticizing. Even in some answers by the Minister of Finance, he was not as fully informed as he ought to have been.

Mr. Stevens: Hear, hear!

Mr. Reid: That ought not to be surprising because of the technicalities. At least the minister has access to some advice because of the House practices, where the opposition has none. The only point I am trying to make is that it is absolute madness—

Mr. Stevens: On a point of order—

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Oh, sit down.

Mr. Stevens: I feel that the record should be constantly brought up to date. I have just received another amendment that will be proposed to be made during the committee of the whole stage. There will be nine amendments that we know of so far which the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) will be making.

Mr. Chrétien: That is true, Mr. Speaker, but we are not even sure how many days it will take to get to clause 14. Perhaps that will only be on Friday afternoon. In addition, it is an amendment that is desired by members of parliament. It is all related. It is to make sure that further changes on this question of insurance companies will be brought about. I have listened to representations by members of this House as well as from outside. If members opposite do not want it, we will not have it, but we will know who to blame. It is important that the people of Canada know that we are completely on their side. It is about time we decided who is running this nation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stevens: On a point of order—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. I am sorry, but the time, has expired. It being 8:51 o'clock p.m., the two hours provided for the consideration of the motion now before the House under the provisions of Standing Order 75C have expired. Accordingly, under the terms of the Standing

[Mr. Reid.]

Order, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the motion.

● (2050)

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

● (2102)

(Division No.13)

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(Lincoln)	Flynn	McRae
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(Gander-Twillingate)	Fox	Munro
Bégin (Miss)	Francis	(Hamilton East)
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Blouin	(Ottawa-Vanier)	O'Connell
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Breau	Goodale	Ouellet
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Bussiè res	(St. Boniface)	Pelletier
Cafik	Guilbault	Portelance
Campbell	Harquail	Poulin
(LaSalle-Émard-Côte	Herbert	Prud'homme
Saint-Paul)	Hopkins	Railton
Caron	Horner	Reid
Chrétien	Isabelle	Robinson
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Collenette	Lajoie	(Laval)
Condon	Lalonde	Sauvé (Mrs.)
Corbin	Lang	Savard
Côté	Langlois	Smith
Cullen	Lapointe	(Saint-Jean)
Cyr	Leblanc	Stollery
Daudlin	(Laurier)	Tessier
Dawson	LeBlanc	Trudeau
Demers	(Westmorland-Kent)	Trudel
Dionne	Lefebvre	Turner
(Northumberland-	Lessard	Watson
Miramichi)	Loiselle	Whelan
Douglas	(Saint-Henri)	Wood
(Bruce-Grey)	Lumley	Yanakis
Drury	MacDonald	Young—98
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Dupont	Macdonald	
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