

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That the motion for second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications of Bill C-184, An Act to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, be amended by substituting for the words “Standing Committee on Transport and Communications” the words, “Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts”.

Debate was resumed on the amended motion of Mr. Kierans, seconded by Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt),—That Bill C-184, An Act to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Schreyer, seconded by Mrs. MacInnis, proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That Bill C-184 be not now read a second time, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House consideration should be given to establishing the proposed Telesat Canada as a Crown corporation, with provision for participation therein by the Governments of the Provinces as well as by the Government of Canada.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: I have serious doubts as to the acceptability of this amendment from the procedural standpoint. The honourable Member for Selkirk (Mr. Schreyer), has said that this amendment purports to be a reasoned amendment. May's seventeenth edition at page 527 lists the conditions for a reasoned amendment and, in particular, paragraph (1) at page 527 refers to the fact that such an amendment would have to be declaratory of a principle in opposition to or differing from the principles, policy or provisions of the bill. I think that the amendment proposed by the honourable Member does not follow this requirement. It appears that the amendment as proposed is not declaratory of a principle but rather proposes an alternative scheme. It is, in my view, in the form of a substantive motion which would have to be moved with the usual notice. In view of the circumstances I doubt very much that the amendment can be accepted. The honourable Member might give the matter some thought. The debate will proceed, and there may be an occasion later on to move another amendment which might perhaps conform a little more to my interpretation of a reasoned amendment.

Debate was resumed on the amended motion of Mr. Kierans, seconded by Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt),—That Bill C-184, An Act to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

And debate continuing;

(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.01 o'clock p.m., the question “That this House do now adjourn” was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.