

This measure will not weaken Canada, as Senator Austin contends. It will enable British Columbia to develop its distinctive and dynamic economy in its own way. British Columbia will continue to derive, I believe, the advantages of being part of a greater entity that is Canada. In that sense, this agreement is good for British Columbia and it is good for Canada.

Senator Austin laments what he calls our lack of a sense of identity. He compares us unfavourably with Germany, Japan and Mexico. Honourable senators, I mean no offence to any of those countries when I say they can have their sense of identities and the history that goes with them.

As for us, ours is a greater dream and a more noble vision. I believe the Charlottetown agreement will help us get on with fulfilling it together.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, there is no reply to reply, and I am aware of that, but I will ask you to permit me one sentence only. It is that the observed or inferred inconsistency between the heedless and needless course and what was said in French is based on my and his leaving out of a very important phase after the accord of 1982 and the position the Liberal Quebec government took when the five principles were advanced. I will explain that in some detail on another occasion. Stay tuned.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, it is moved by the Honourable Senator Murray, seconded by the Honourable Senator Lynch-Staunton:

That, pursuant to the *Act to provide for referendums on the Constitution of Canada*, the Senate concurs with the House of Commons in approving the following text of a referendum question:

“Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?”

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 yes                                      no”

and,

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House accordingly.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yes.

**Some Hon. Senators:** No.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Will those honourable senators in favour of the motion please say “yea”?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yea.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Will those honourable senators opposed to the motion please say “nay”?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Nay.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** In my opinion, the “yeas” have it.

*And two honourable senators having risen.*

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Is there agreement that there be a 15-minute bell?

**Senator Kelly:** Honourable senators, with leave, I would ask for a 15-minute bell. There may be some senators across the street in the Victoria Building.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Is it agreed, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Call in the senators.

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Motion carried on the following division: