

Boudria), who has a right to speak of secrecy, but I think he should consider the consequence of a discussion of this particular subject matter as an example to put before Canada and the international press. It does a disservice to Canada. I say to the Hon. Member for York Centre that he should know better. We should not be engaged in this debate today.

I do not believe there is much more than can be added. I support the concept that secrecy is too prevalent in too many of our dealings with Government. I support the concept which I wish had been pushed a little harder by the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior, namely, that there should be more Government by legislation and less Government by regulation. Until that takes place, debates of this type will be prevalent in the House for a long while. It is simply government by secrecy; it is not government in public.

I regret the fact that some of the legislation which is being discussed here today was considered by committee and recommendations were made for amendment and those recommendations were not accepted. I agree with the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior who said that we need to have more capability in terms of drafting legislation and that draftsmen may need more time to draft it and they may need more staff.

If this regulation is *ultra vires*, as the committee contends, and as the legal advice from the proper Canadian Department denies, then it is certainly an example of why we should have better draftsmen, and better planning and less regulation—much less regulation. I wish to say personally to members of the Opposition, and to the Hon. Member for Davenport in particular, that nobody would have supported these regulations, or would have more quickly supported an amendment to the proper Act to make it legislation, than the Hon. Member for Davenport or others whom I have earlier mentioned. It is an example of an unnecessary regulation. With a little bit of negotiation in the House it would have passed as law in 15 minutes in all three stages. However, here we chose to regulate. We have now chosen to place an unfortunate example of the frailty of regulations in a legal sense and of the unnecessary nature of regulations in the broad sense as an instrument of Government before the House.

I sincerely hope that the motion will now be dropped and that the report of the committee will be treated as any other committee report would be treated. I ask this of a former cabinet Minister through you, Mr. Speaker, who should be a responsible man looking after the best interests of Canada. Drop the cheap political advantage. Let's get on with the business of this House. Use another subject matter but do not belabour this one any longer.

● (1530)

Mr. Caccia: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. In his last intervention, the Hon. Member made reference to the Hon. Member from Davenport. I want to make sure he was really referring to the Hon. Member for Davenport and not to another Hon. Member.

Business of the House

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will take that as a question or a comment with respect to the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly).

Mr. McCain: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say in response to the question, Mr. Speaker, that I have respect for his interest in the environment. This is an environment-related subject matter. I said we had something in common.

Mr. Speaker: I will interrupt questions and comments for a point of order by the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Hnatyshyn).

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been the usual consultations between House Leaders and I think you will find a disposition at this time for unanimous consent to have the following Order presented and accepted without debate or a vote. The Order is as follows:

That, notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of this House, the House shall immediately proceed to the consideration of Government Orders provided that the motion presently before the House shall be transferred to Government Orders;

That the first item of business shall be the consideration of the report stage of Bill C-79, An Act respecting the provision of compensation to depositors of Canadian Commercial Bank, CCB Mortgage Investment Corporation and Northland Bank in respect of uninsured deposits and the second item of business shall be the consideration of report stage of Bill C-83, An Act to amend the Tax Rebate Discounting Act.

Provided that:

1. During the consideration of the said bills not more than two Members from each Party shall speak for more than 15 minutes.

2. At not later than 4:45 o'clock p.m. this day, the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and shall put forthwith and successively every question necessary to dispose of the Report Stage and the third reading stage of Bill C-79, An Act respecting the provision of compensation to depositors of Canadian Commercial Bank, CCB Mortgage Investment Corporation and Northland Bank in respect of uninsured deposits, and of the Report Stage and the third Reading Stage of Bill C-83, An Act to amend the Tax Rebate Discounting Act.

3. If a recorded division is demanded on any of the above-mentioned questions, the bells to call in the Members shall be sounded once for not more than fifteen minutes.

4. When the House has concluded its consideration of the above-mentioned Bills, the Speaker shall suspend the sitting to the call of the Chair.

5. The provisions of the Standing Order 70(1) shall be deemed suspended with respect to the membership of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence and the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

6. When the House takes up consideration of the Report Stage of Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act and related statutes and to amend the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, the Financial Administration Act and the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act, not more than four sitting days shall be allotted to the consideration of the report and Third Reading stages of the said Bill provided that, at not later than fifteen minutes before the end of the time provided for government business on the fourth such day the Speaker shall interrupt any proceedings then before the House and shall put forthwith and successively every question necessary to dispose of the said stages of said Bill.