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Mr. Speaker: I declare the amendment lost.

Mr. McIntosh: I was paired with the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Sharp). Had I voted, I would have voted in favour of the amendment.

Income Tax Act

Mr. Rynard: I was paired with the hon. member for Brantford (Mr. Brown). Had I voted, I would have voted for the amendment.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the main motion. Shall the motion carry?

Mr. Lambert: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1.

The Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

[Translation]

Mr. Chretien: Mr. Chairman, as I understand the agreements between the Secretary of State (Mr. Pickersgill) and the spokesmen of the opposition parties, at the committee stage, and considering the nature of this bill, we can express our views on the whole of Bill C-95, without discussing it clause by clause.

Personally, I am of the opinion that this is an extremely important measure at the present time.

We heard the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings (Mr. Nowlan) making all sorts of reserves concerning the bill under study, claiming that we should be very cautious, that the directors of foreign businesses having capital in Canadian industry should not be offended.

Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Gordon) was quite right when he stated, the other day, that the time for speeches is over, that action is what is now required. To my mind, Bill C-95 clearly establishes that the present government intends to act in a positive way, and to find some concrete remedies.

We all know that today, this country's economy is impaired by the fact that 60 per cent of the Canadian manufacturing industry are controlled by non-resident corporations. We must hand back to Canadians the ownership and control of their own economy.

Bill C-95 aims to put back that control of industries into the hands of Canadian citizens, by altering the rates of the withholding tax on dividends of non-resident corporations; the rate would be reduced from 15 to 10 per cent for corporations which will allow Canadians to buy their shares and to sit on their boards of directors.

In order to reach our economic aim, it is essential that Canadians have a voice on the boards of directors within Canadian industry. I congratulate the Minister of Finance for taking concrete steps to promote this repatriation of Canadian interests into the hands of Canadians.