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their constituents. If Members feel they have to vote against that opinion, they are fully entitled to do so. I have done it and gotten in a lot of trouble with my constituents on more than one occasion. However, they must make up their own minds. They cannot have it both ways, as I said.

I suggest to Members that they opt for service first and allow Canada Post to be innovative, even if it infringes on territory which the private sector thinks it is entitled to. Tough cookie. There are services the Post Office can provide at the same or less cost than that at which the private sector is presently ripping off consumers. There is a wide variety of things the Post Office can be doing in conjunction with mail delivery.

There is nothing more meaningful than the mail to individual Canadians. Whether they open their mailbox on a daily basis or three times a week, whether it is flown in or comes in on horseback, it is personal. Every person in Canada is affected by the quality and frequency of mail service. People in rural Canada do not expect daily door-to-door delivery in every village and every farm. They never have and they have not asked for it. They do expect some equity of service and surely that has to take priority over self-sufficiency.

Whether the Post Office deficit is \$100 million or \$500 million in a given year, give the people of Canada the service and they will agree to share the deficit. It is called a co-operative commonwealth. It is called a new democracy. It is called co-operative federalism.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order. It being 5.45 p.m. it is my duty to interrupt these proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the supply proceedings now before the House under the provisions of Standing Order 82(9). The question is the following one. Mr. Keeper, seconded by Mr. Riis, moved:

That this House urge the Government to require Canada Post to forgo the 2 cent postal rate increase planned for the new year, to reject the planned closure of hundreds of rural post offices, to reconsider the decision to replace door to door postal delivery in new suburban areas with reductions in urban postal services, and furthermore, that the adoption of this motion shall not be considered to be a question of confidence in the government.

All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Keeper), which was negated on the following division:

● (1750)

(Division No. 37)

YEAS

Members

Allmand
Axworthy
Benjamin
Blaikie
Boudria
Broadbent
Copps
de Jong
Dingwall
Epp
(Thunder Bay—
Nipigon)
Finestone
Foster
Frith
Garneau
Gauthier
Gray
(Windsor West)

Grondin
Guilbault
(Saint-Jacques)
Heap
Hopkins
Hovdebo
Kaplan
Keeper
Langdon
MacLellan
Malépart
McCurdy
McDonald
(Broadview—
Greenwood)
Mitchell
Murphy
Nicholson
(Trinity)

Nunziata
Nystrom
Orlikow
Parry
Penner
Prud'homme
Riis
Robichaud
Robinson
Rodriguez
Roman
Rompkey
Skelly
Tardif
(Richmond—Wolfe)
Waddell—46

NAYS

Members

Andre
Attewell
Belsher
Bertrand
Binns
Bissonnette
Blackburn
(Jonquière)
Blais
Blenkarn
Blouin
Bosley
Bouchard
Bourgault
Brisco
Browes
Cadieux
Cardiff
Champagne
(Champlain)
Clark
(Yellowhead)
Clinch
Cochrane
Collins
Comeau
Cossitt
Côté
(Lac-Saint-Jean)
Côté
(Langelier)
Crofton
Crosbie
(St. John's West)
Crosby
(Halifax West)
Crouse
Darling
Daubney
Domm
Dorin

Edwards
Ellis
Fennell
Ferland
Fontaine
Fraleigh
Fretz
Gagnon
Gass
Gérin
Gervais
Girard
Gormley
Gottselig
Graham
Gurbin
Gustafson
Halliday
Hardey
Hawkes
Hicks
Hnatyshyn
Holtmann
Howie
Jacques
James
Jelinek
Jepson
Johnson
(Bonavista—Trinity—
Conception)
Joncas
Kelleher
Kilgour
King
Ladouceur
Landry
La Salle
Lawrence
Layton
Lewis

Lopez
MacDonald
(Kingston and
the Islands)
Malone
Mantha
Martin
Mazankowski
McCain
McCrossan
McCuish
McDermid
McKenzie
McKinnon
McKnight
Nicholson
(Niagara Falls)
Nickerson
Ostrom
Peterson
Pietz
Porter
Price
Redway
Reid
Ricard
St. Germain
Schellenberger
(Wetaskiwin)
Scott
(Victoria—Haliburton)
Scott
(Hamilton—Wentworth)
Scowen
Shields
Siddon
Sparrow
Stackhouse
Stevens
Stewart