

## NAYS

## THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Carney	Marshall
Castonguay	Molson
Chaput-Rolland	Muir
Charbonneau	Murray
Cochrane	Nurgitz
Cogger	Oliver
Comeau	Ottenheimer
David	Phillips
DeWare	Poitras
Di Nino	Robertson
Doody	Roblin
Doyle	Ross
Eyton	Rossiter
Forrestall	Simard
Grimard	Spivak
Hatfield	Sylvain
Johnson	Teed
Kelleher	Tremblay
Kelly	Twin—54

## ABSTENTIONS

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Nil

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**The Hon. the Speaker:** I declare the motion in amendment negative.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, your groans are music to my ears, because, as you know, the most recent poll shows that some 70 per cent of Canadians oppose the appointment of the eight additional senators. If they had not voted or had been disqualified from voting, and if the Speaker had not voted, rather than 48 to 54 votes, the vote would have been 48 to 45 votes in favour of the amendment.

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Normand Grimard:** Honourable senators, I have something to add to the remarks made by Senator Frith concerning the vote of eight senators.

This being my first intervention in this chamber, naturally I would have much preferred a more serene and favourable climate, but of course I have no choice.

Ever since we were sworn in on September 27, 1990, we eight senators have been the subject of disparaging remarks, to put it mildly.

This may indeed be my first intervention, but I have pleaded court cases before, I have a good voice, so I intend to speak and say everything I have to say.

[The Hon. the Speaker.]

I will not refer to the remarks made about us—I am speaking on behalf of the other seven members of the team—by Senator MacEachen who has been calling us the “British” senators. Senator MacEachen, I wish you would look at the proclamation you must have received when you were appointed to the Senate. I got mine a few days ago. I looked at it and saw that I was “summoned by the Queen”. You too, Senator MacEachen, were summoned by the Queen.

**Senator Frith:** Not under section 26, he wasn’t!

**Senator Grimard:** And Senator Grimard is no more British than Senator MacEachen is.

I will not say anything about the remarks of Senator Hébert who has been calling us senators, quote, unquote. I prefer to ignore these remarks from Senator Hébert. But the purpose of my intervention is to comment on the sophism of Senator Frith. Let me explain.

**Hon. Peter Stollery:** It is not a sophism.

**Senator Grimard:** First, a small digression. Contrary to what you may think, I want to congratulate you, Senator Frith.

[*English*]

**Senator Frith:** Talk about a sophist! One thing you guys have a lot of is brass!

[*Translation*]

**Senator Grimard:** First, I want to congratulate you. Do you object to my congratulating you? I want to congratulate you for your three interventions in the debate on Senator Buckwold’s report and in the debate on the last two amendments. You rose and said: If the eight senators had not voted, the results would be as follows. Continue to do just that.

[*English*]

**Senator Frith:** Just a minute, get it right. I said if they had not voted or if they had been disqualified from voting, which they ought to have been. Get it straight!

[*Translation*]

**Senator Grimard:** As far as I know, we have not been disqualified. You say: If the eight senators had not voted the results would be as follows. Do you realize that when you say that you are the best lawyer for our cause? Do you realize that you are saying the Prime Minister of Canada was right to invoke constitutional section 26? Do you realize that I need you, that we need you, that you are our best lawyer and that your services are free? I thank you for this service, but I have something else to tell you.

**Senator Frith:** You are welcome!

**Senator Grimard:** This is where your sophistry comes in. You know, I have been pleading before the courts for 41 years, so you people are not going to scare me. I am referring to your sophism when you say that we should not vote until the courts have ruled on our case. That is a sophism which does not rest on any legal basis. Let me explain, and I choose my words very carefully. You want to enforce immediately against us a ruling