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the British North America Act to allow us to adjust our own affairs? If not, I take it that that is equivalent to a notice that an attempt is being made to break up confederation.

Mr. HOCKEN: I was going to ask whether the committee on Rules would take cognizance of what my hon. friend has said and prepare rules to make it impossible to carry on such a policy as he suggests.

Mr. CAHILL: I hope so.

Mr. EULER: There is provision in the rules now for obviating any such course of action as is proposed by the hon. member for Pontiac (Mr. Cahill), as he will find out if he tries it.

Mr. MURRAY MacLAREN: Mr. Speaker, I am quite prepared and ready to vote on the bill that has been brought forward by the hon. member for West Calgary (Mr. Shaw). That is a clear-cut issue. The attention of the House has been drawn to it during the past few weeks or months, and we are prepared to vote in an understanding way. The amendment that we have before us has, I think, been brought forward rather hastily. I do not think we are giving the consideration due to the importance of that amendment in the manner in which we have been considering it during the time we have had this afternoon and evening, and under the circumstances I am going to vote against the amendment. As regards an amendment of this character involving the charge and punishment of bigamy, an amendment which must have been drawn hurriedly, but which is of considerable length, we should have an opportunity of reading and studying it before it is passed. It is far too important a matter to deal with hastily, and I do not believe the House will act advisedly in passing such an amendment during this session. The House should be in possession of the amendment in printed form, as a matter, not of order, but of judgment and of being careful.

Further, the amendment has no direct connection with the bill. It is open to the hon. member for West York (Sir Henry Drayton) or any other hon. member to bring forward at any time an amendment of that character, quite independently of the bill which we have before us. Therefore, I do not think there is any need of tacking this on to a clear-cut question which every hon. member can vote "aye" or "no" to according to his best judgment. As regards the merit of the amendment, whether this restriction should be imposed or not, personally I have not made up my mind. I have reserved my opinion within

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myself. I have not come to a decision and I am not prepared to come to a decision in such a hurried manner as this. This is a wide subject. There are many aspects to it. I have not formed an opinion myself and I decline to form one at so short notice. Consequently, I propose to oppose the amendment. For these reasons, I move the adjournment of the debate.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. MacLaren) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS**Messrs:**

Arthurs,	Lovett,
Béland,	Macdonald (Pictou),
Benoit,	MacLaren,
Binette,	McGiverin,
Bouchard,	McIsaac,
Boucher,	McKillop,
Cahill,	Manion,
Cardin,	Marcel (Bonaventure),
Carmichael,	Marcile (Bagot),
Carroll,	Martell,
Casgrain,	Meighen,
Charters,	Mercier,
Déchène,	Michaud,
Delisle,	Motherwell,
Denis (Joliette),	Ouimet,
Denis (St. Denis),	Pelletier,
Desaulniers,	Pouliot,
Descoteaux,	Power,
Deslauriers,	Putnam,
Doucet,	Rankin,
Duff,	Raymond,
Fafard,	Rhéaume,
Fiset (Sir Eugene),	Rinfret,
Fontaine,	Roberge,
Forrester,	Robichaud,
Fortier,	Robitaille,
Fournier,	Ryckman,
Gendron,	St. Père,
Gervais,	Savard,
Graham,	Séguin,
Harris,	Sheard,
Healy,	Stansell,
Kyte,	Stevens,
Lanctôt,	Stewart (Hamilton),
Lapierre,	Stork,
Lapointe,	Tobin,
Logan,	Vien.—74.

NAYS**Messrs:**

Anderson,	Dickie,
Baldwin,	Drayton (Sir Henry),
Bancroft,	Elliott (Dundas),
Baxter,	Elliott (Waterloo),
Bird,	Euler,
Black (Halifax),	Evans,
Black (Huron),	Fansher,
Black (Yukon),	Findlay,
Boys,	Forke,
Brethen,	Gardiner,
Brown,	Garland (Bow River),
Caldwell,	Good,
Campbell,	Gordon,
Clark,	Gould,
Clifford,	Grimmer,
Coote,	Halbert,
Crerar,	Hanna,
Davies,	Hanson,