

Of course I do not ignore the partisan aspect of any civil service. No sensible Member of Parliament or intelligent member of society at large would expect in our type of government that civil servants would not be involved in partisan recommendations to a minister. In one sense, I think it is part of their job. But this need not go into written documents; that is one important point. Surely they speak to their ministers on a frequent, daily basis. So that aspect of privacy would certainly be maintained.

• (5:30 p.m.)

I say that we have not had the defence that this House should expect from the government side in its attempt to maintain the secrecy rule. It seems to me that in a free society this is exactly what is required. When you have secrecy, that is what needs to be defended. Those of us who are calling for openness and freedom should not need to defend our case; because openness and freedom should be the norm. The onus of proof is on the government, and they have not provided it. Therefore, I hope that this motion receives the support that all free and reasonable people believe it deserves.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. Those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Call in the members.

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

• (5:50 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Aiken	Benjamin
Alexander	Brewin
Alkenbrack	Broadbent
Asselin	Cadieu (Meadow Lake)
Baldwin	Coates
Barnett	Comeau
Beaudoin	Crouse
Bell	Dinsdale

Dionne
 Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands)
 Gauthier
 Gilbert
 Gleave
 Godin
 Hales
 Hees
 Howe
 Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)
 Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand)
 Lambert (Edmonton West)
 La Salle
 Latulippe
 Lewis
 MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond)
 MacInnis (Mrs.)
 MacLean
 Macquarrie

Division

MacRae
 McCleave
 McIntosh
 McQuaid
 Matte
 Monteith
 Nesbitt
 Nowlan
 Peters
 Ritchie
 Rodrigue
 Rondeau
 Rose
 Rowland
 Saltsman
 Scott
 Simpson
 Skoberg
 Southam
 Stanfield
 Stewart (Marquette)
 Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley)
 Winch
 Yewchuk—59.

NAYS

Messrs:

Allmand	Leblanc (Laurier)
Anderson	LeBlanc (Rimouski)
Badanai	Legault
Béchar	Lessard (LaSalle)
Benson	Lessard
Blair	(Lac-Saint-Jean)
Boulanger	MacEachen
Buchanan	MacGuigan
Caccia	McIlraith
Cafik	Major
Chappell	Marchand (Kamloops-Cariboo)
Clermont	Munro
Comtois	Noël
Corbin	Olson
Côté (Longueuil)	Orange
Crossman	Osler
Cyr	Otto
Danson	Pelletier
Deachman	Pepin
Deakon	Perrault
Douglas (Assiniboia)	Pilon
Drury	Portelance
Duquet	Pringle
Énard	Prud'homme
Forest	Roberts
Francis	Rochon
Gendron	Rock
Gibson	Roy (Timmins)
Gillespie	Roy (Laval)
Givens	Sharp
Goode	Smith (Northumberland-Miramichi)
Goyer	Smith (Saint-Jean)
Guilbault	Stanbury
Hopkins	St. Pierre
Howard (Okanagan Boundary)	Thomas (Maisonneuve)
Kaplan	Trudel
Kierans	Turner (London East)
Lachance	Wahn
Laing	Weatherhead
(Vancouver South)	Whelan—79.
Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt)	