

I wish I had more time at my disposal in order to outline several other points I have in mind, but let me say in conclusion that there is no way I could support this bill in its present form. Let me refer to a brochure I have before me under the heading of "Richardson Securities of Canada" under the date of December, 1973. I am not sure whether this has been published under the authority of the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Richardson), but it states in part:

It appears appropriate at this time to consider the need for co-operation rather than confrontation. Recent government actions, which have been based on short-term expediencies, have been disruptive enough in themselves, but the manner in which they have been handled is even more disconcerting.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be involved in this debate, and I conclude by suggesting that the problem facing this government is one of consultation. There are clauses in this proposed bill that need clarification, but over-all and in an overriding way there is a need for provincial consultation before going any further with this measure.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

An hon. Member: Let's call it ten o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) has already spoken during this debate. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Since we have wasted enough time playing this stupid game for the Progressive Conservatives who are striving for political capital, may I call it ten o'clock.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) calling it ten o'clock, or shall I put the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on the motion proposed by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Macdonald). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the government House leader what the business of the House is for tomorrow?

Adjournment Motion

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will proceed to the consideration of the bill on election expenses, to be followed by the bill on export taxes and the division of profits. Hopefully, we will begin the report stage of the election expenses bill.

Mr. Bell: Do I understand that this same schedule will carry on into next week?

Mr. MacEachen: It very well might, and even next year.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Unfortunately, the leader of the Creditiste party is not in his seat. I hope he will return because I have something to say that I feel might be of interest to him. I took advantage of my allotted time to register my concern about the extremely partisan attitude taken by that hon. member who indicated a desire to call it ten o'clock.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): I did not say that.

Mr. Alexander: I do not know how we play this game, and I do not suppose I should call it a game—

An hon. Member: Sit down or say something.

An hon. Member: You are ignorant.

Mr. Alexander: Notwithstanding what anyone, including my House leader might say, I do not take any instructions from anyone in respect of my concern about the measure being debated tonight, and I certainly will not take a back seat to anyone in respect of my involvement in this debate.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

● (2200)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Témiscamingue on the same point of order.

Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue): I rise on the same point of order, Mr. Speaker. I did not have any objection to the member saying what he had to say, but there was an understanding between the House Leaders to the effect that the vote would be taken at 9:45. When I saw the hon. member rise after 9:45 I thought he was not respecting the word given by the House Leader of his own party.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I should not have allowed the hon. member for Hamilton West to raise the point in the first place, since it is after ten o'clock. I, therefore, suggest that if hon. members wish to pursue this point they do it after the completion of the Routine Proceedings tomorrow.

Mr. Alexander: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

Mr. Bell: Mr. Speaker, I must say there was no agreement whatsoever about this debate being terminated tonight.