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which would declare Canada to be a country which is multilingual by nature. It may well be desirable to enhance multilingual programming, but to change the nature of Canada by implication through such an amendment is not appropriate. We are a multicultural and bilingual nation.

I would further point out that there is ample avenue provided for multicultural service, not ghettoed, ample avenue provided for multicultural programming in the new alternative programming service which, indeed, will become a stimulus to other broadcasters to recognize further the multicultural nature of our country.

Motion No. 72 would call upon the legislation to insist that one director of the corporation be designated as the advocate for multicultural and ethnic organizations. I would submit that that is inappropriate since, as my colleague from Thunder Bay pointed out, Bill C-93 is now the law of the land. Every Minister of the Crown, every officer of an agency of the Crown, now has a duty to see that that advocacy role is carried out. To single out one individual to do it is inappropriate and demeaning.

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I would further suggest, Sir, that a member of such a board who might fit that designation would be offended to think that he or she had his or her role limited to such a function. We do not subscribe to tokenism in this country.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wish some guidance from the Chair. We have Motion No. 31, and I proposed Motion No. 31A which is on page ix of the *Order Paper and Notices*. I am a little concerned about this. If the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway) were to withdraw his motion before there was a vote on it, I gather that would mean that my motion would not be considered at all.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the Hon. Member would just give the Chair a minute to review the Speaker's notes, I will inform him of that.

The Hon. Member for Vancouver—Kingsway did submit his motion, but it came in late. There was unanimous consent to accept the motion of the Hon. Member for York East which was very similar to the Hon. Member's motion, and that is the reason Motion No. 31A is not being dealt with now.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, suppose we now put this on for a vote and the Hon. Member for York East comes into the House next week or whenever this vote is taken and says that he wants to withdraw it. Then we could not vote on it. Is that what would happen?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Vancouver—Kingsway knows, because he has been around here for a long time, that he would have to have unanimous consent of the House to withdraw the motion.

Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 31, standing in the name of the Hon. Member for York East.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 114 (11), the recorded division on the motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 42, standing in the name of the Hon. Member for York East. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion carried.

Motion No. 42 (Mr. Redway) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The next question is on Motion No. 72 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for York East. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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