

*Employment and Immigration*

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

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** It should be brought to the attention of hon. members that this motion, No. 11, if passed, dispenses with motion No. 30. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

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

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The House will now move to motion No. 15. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** It should be brought to the attention of hon. members that this motion, if passed, will carry with it motions Nos. 29 and 32. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** All those opposed to the motion will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** In my opinion the yeas have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The Chair has serious reservations about the procedural acceptability of motion No. 12 standing in the name of the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez). This motion does not seem to be relevant to clause 38 of the bill. It seems to go beyond the scope of the clause which it seeks to amend. I

[Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi).]

refer to May's at page 521. Therefore, this motion is rejected on two points: one, it goes beyond the scope of the clause it seeks to amend and, two, it should have been brought in as a separate clause, but then it would not have been accepted because it puts a burden on the treasury. Therefore, the Chair rejects motion No. 12.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the Chair indicated earlier that it would listen to argument on the procedural point. I think that should happen before the Chair rules.

**Mr. Cullen:** Mr. Speaker, if it will assist the Chair, we have no objection to the argument being put.

● (1630)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** I was under the impression that Mr. Speaker had listened to the discussion on the procedural point and to objections raised by hon. members. That is why I made my ruling. However, if hon. members wish to continue speaking on the procedural acceptability of the motion, I am willing to listen.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On June 21, Mr. Speaker said the following in respect of the motions on the order paper:

When we come to motion No. 12 in the name of the hon. member for Nickel Belt, I think we should have a discussion on its procedural acceptability, because I have some difficulty regarding the relevance of the motion to clause 38 of the bill which it seeks to amend.

I do not know how to proceed now that the decision has been made without the discussion having taken place, but I hope that my persuasive approach might convince you, Mr. Speaker, not to make the ruling that you said you will make. This particular motion amends clause 38 of Bill C-27. Clause 38 opens up section 25 of the act which deals with pregnancy benefits. Since Bill C-27 opens up section 25 of the act, all I did in the amendment was to amend the section.

One has to assume, with respect to the ruling which you will make after we have had the discussion on the motion, that we are involved in proposing an expenditure of money. I think that, biologically speaking, all women who work and who pay into the unemployment insurance fund should be able to take advantage of the provisions of the act, in particular the maternity benefits.

**An hon. Member:** Why not the men?

**Mr. Rodriguez:** That is a question we are not discussing here. The fact is that there is a provision for maternity benefits under the act. When a woman starts to work and pays into the unemployment insurance fund, one has to assume that at some point in time she might become eligible for benefits under the relevant section of the act. In line with that thinking, we are not urging any expenditure of money but are, in fact, ensuring that the discrimination which presently exists in the act with respect to women who are not fortunate enough to be able to bear children because they cannot become pregnant, or their spouses are unable to impregnate them, but who adopt chil-