

*Customs Tariff*

That Bill C-87, be amended in Clause 38 by adding, immediately after line 7 at page 13, the following:

"(3) Where an order is made pursuant to subsection (1), the order shall cease to have any force or effect with respect to any period following the sixtieth day after the date on which it becomes effective or, if Parliament is not then sitting, the fifteenth day next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, unless, not later than that day, the order is approved by resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a day on which either House of Parliament sits shall be deemed to be a sitting day."

**Motion No. 7.**

That Bill C-87, be amended in Clause 54 by adding, immediately after line 31 at page 16, the following:

"(3) Where an order is made pursuant to subsection (1), the order shall cease to have any force or effect with respect to any period following the sixtieth day after the date on which it becomes effective or, if Parliament is not then sitting, the fifteenth day next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, unless, not later than that day, the order is approved by resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a day on which either House of Parliament sits shall be deemed to be a sitting day."

**Motion No. 9.**

That Bill C-87, be amended in Clause 59 by adding, immediately after line 4 at page 19, the following:

"(7) Where an order is made pursuant to subsection (2), the order shall cease to have any force or effect with respect to any period following the sixtieth day after the date on which it becomes effective or, if Parliament is not then sitting, the fifteenth day next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, unless, not later than that day, the order is approved by resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament.

(8) For the purposes of subsection (7), a day on which either House of Parliament sits shall be deemed to be a sitting day."

**Motion No. 10.**

That Bill C-87, be amended in Clause 60 by striking out lines 9 to 45 at page 20 and substituting the following therefor:

"(3) Where an order is made pursuant to subsection (1) on the basis of a report of the Minister of Finance, an inquiry made by the Canadian Import Tribunal under section 48 of the *Special Import Measures Act* or an inquiry made by the Textile and Clothing Board under the *Textile and Clothing Board Act*, the order ceases to have effect on the expiration of the sixtieth day from the day on which the order is made if Parliament is then sitting or, if Parliament is not then sitting, on the expiration of the fifteenth sitting day after that day, unless before the order so ceases to have effect it is approved by a resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament."

**Motion No. 11.**

That Bill C-87, be amended in Clause 60 by adding, immediately after line 27, at page 21 the following:

"(9) Where an order is made pursuant to subsection (7), the order shall cease to have any force or effect with respect to any period following the sixtieth day after the date on which it becomes effective or, if Parliament is not then sitting, the fifteenth day next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, unless, not later than that day, the order is approved by resolution adopted by both Houses of Parliament.

(10) For the purposes of subsection (9), a day on which either House of Parliament sits shall be deemed to be a sitting day."

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, you have grouped Motions Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 for debate. These are on a number of clauses which basically deal with the same subject.

We have expressed our concern about the way the Government has been dealing with the whole issue of its trade deal with the Americans.

Presently, the House of Commons committee studying this question is hearing witnesses from all across the country without having the final text before it. We are in a situation where the promise made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) in the House on October 5 has been ignored by the Government. At page 9632 of *Hansard*, the Prime Minister stated:

Mr. Speaker, I shall table the complete text of the Agreement as soon as the wording is finalized. It will then be referred to the appropriate committee of the House for analysis, study and debate.

On October 5, the Prime Minister promised the House and the people of Canada that the House of Commons committee would have the finalized document before the committee hearings in order that the committee could hear from witnesses from all parts of the country who had the document in front of them before he rushed off to Washington to sign the final trade deal.

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It is now December 3, two months after the Government signed the Elements of Agreement, and we still do not have a finalized copy. Negotiations may or may not be taking place today to try to get a final copy of that document ready. It is now less than a month before the Prime Minister wants to sign a document which not one of us in the House has seen. This document is not even ready. Yet we know that it is a document which will fundamentally change the economy of this nation.

**Mr. Jelinek:** Improve.

**Mr. Murphy:** Some say it will improve, some say otherwise. But the problem is that we do not have the document. There is presently a committee of the House in Halifax, and it does not have the document. There are witnesses appearing before that committee, and they do not have the document. It is not acceptable for us in the House to pass any legislation at this time which gives the Government a blank cheque when it comes to trade deals and tariff reductions. We will do nothing to make it possible for the Government through Order in Council to do what it should be doing through proper legislation, debate, our committee system, and through the House itself.

As I stated in an earlier speech, we will not expedite the passage of Bill C-87 because it helps the Government move along the road to its trade deal. We do not believe that, in any sense, passing legislation in a legitimate and orderly process is happening at this time.

If the Government was able to negotiate a deal with the Americans, as it claims it has done, all that had to be done was the following, to use the Prime Minister's words when he stated: