

This is a consensus document and it is going to be very difficult to change the legislation in detail so it is going to be very difficult to change the legislation in detail. Therefore this large list of exemptions should be subject to a sunset clause. It should not go on for two, three, four, five, six, ten or twenty years, or even indefinitely, without the workers being protected by legislative action. I gave the Minister amendments today which say that in two years' time these clauses would lapse and those workers would be protected in the same way other workers across Canada are protected. I consider that a constructive amendment. I have also suggested that if that is not acceptable to the Minister, we should have an automatic legislative review of these clauses by the appropriate committee in two years' time. That is the least the House can do for the workers in these industries. I believe it is necessary that we guarantee the workers concerned that this House will be able to take some action in the future or that the relevant clauses are subject to a two-year time limit.

In addition, although the legislation calls for data sheets on hazardous materials and their chemical components, there is no requirement for any kind of central repository for those data sheets. There is no provision whatsoever to guarantee that the public has access to those sheets. The employers and employees of a particular plant may have access, but people passing through those work sites for whatever reason have no guarantee of access. In addition, the lack of a central repository restricts the ability of those who are concerned with occupational health and safety in obtaining adequate information.

I suggested that the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs should be responsible for the central repository. That department would be responsible for monitoring complaints under the Act as well as checking to make sure these data sheets are in the appropriate form and meet the requirements of the Act. That is what we expect of government departments when we pass legislation like this, and I do believe it is important. I hope the Government will accept my amendment in that respect.

I have one more subject that I am going to deal with and it relates to the Government's approach to occupational health and safety. I find it ironic that at the very time we are passing this legislation, which requires more work in this field so that the employee is able to better exercise his or her right to know, the Government has cut funding for the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

It was clear from the presentations we received that most people expected that the centre in Hamilton would have a responsibility for assisting small businesses and helping employees obtain further information on chemicals, training sessions and materials, and other related material. Yet, as a result of funding cut-backs, that centre does not meet those requirements and is not going to be in a position to make sure that the protection this legislation calls for is provided. In light of the passage of this legislation, I call upon the Government to make a commitment to provide increased and adequate

funding for that centre so it can do its job to protect the health of Canadian workers.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to a committee of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

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## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEPOSIT INSURANCE SYSTEM AMENDMENT ACT

### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-42, an Act respecting financial institutions and the deposit insurance system, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (for the Minister of State for Finance)** moved:

That Bill C-42, be amended in Clause 17 by striking out lines 32 to 36 on page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"17.(1) The Minister may make expenditures out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to defray the expenses arising out of the operations of the Office."

**Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I just want to assure Members of the House that this is a technical amendment to correct a drafting oversight.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As we have passed the amendment to Bill C-42, I believe we could move on to the concurrence stage. I must admit that we have not had full discussions with the other Parties, but I think you would find unanimous consent to move to third reading stage of Bill C-42 at this time.

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, there have been consultations and I agree to that.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, I want to confirm that there have been excellent negotiations during the evening and, in an effort to expedite the business of the House and facilitate the rapid passage of this Bill, we will certainly agree to proceed to third reading now.