

remains a provincially-owned system or not, it should be recognized as being part of the national transportation system of Canada. This is why I am glad this question was raised by the member for Vancouver Quadra.

If there is any real value in the standing committee visiting anywhere other than the Yukon Territory in the course of studying this bill, it would be much better if the committee were to direct itself to the city of Prince George which, I am sure the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River would agree, is in the geographical heart of British Columbia. From that perspective it would get some idea of what would be involved in our responsibility as members of the federal House toward extending that transportation link northerly toward the capital city of the future province of the Yukon.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** The question is on the amendment to the main motion. All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

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

*And more than five members having risen:*

• (3:20 p.m.)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Simpson) which was negatived on the following division:

• (3:30 p.m.)

**YEAS**

**Messrs:**

Alexander	MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond)
Baldwin	MacRae
Cadieu	McIntosh
Coates	McKinley
Comeau	Marshall
Crouse	Moore
Danforth	Nielsen
Diefenbaker	Paproski
Dinsdale	Ritchie
Dionne	Ryan
Fortin	Schumacher
Gauthier	Simpson
Gundlock	Southam
Howe	Tétrault
Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand)	Thomas (Moncton)
	Thompson (Red Deer)—31.

**Division**

**NAYS**

**Messrs:**

Badanai	Lessard (LaSalle)
Barnett	Loiselle
Basford	McBride
Béchar	McNulty
Blouin	Mahoney
Borrie	Major
Boulanger	Mather
Cafik	Morison
Chrétien	Noël
Clermont	O'Connell
Cobbe	Olson
Côté (Longueuil)	Penner
Cullen	Perrault
Danson	Pringle
Deachman	Prud'homme
De Bané	Reid
Dubé	Richard
Éthier	Roberts
Forget	Rochon
Foster	Stafford
Francis	Stanbury
Gillespie	Stewart (Cochrane)
Goyer	Stewart
Gray	(Okanagan-Kootenay)
Greene	Sulatycky
Guay (Saint-Boniface)	Thomas
Hogarth	(Maisonneuve-Rosemont)
Hopkins	Turner (Ottawa-Carleton)
Isabelle	Walker
Jerome	Watson
Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)	Whelan
Leblanc (Laurier)	Winch—63.
Lefebvre	

• (3:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** I declare the amendment lost. Is the House ready for the question on the main motion?

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, because of a very important engagement I have this evening in Hamilton, I had every intention of going home a little early. But because of the importance of this matter—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Alexander:** I am very pleased by the reception of my colleagues because of my devotion to duty. Because of the very significant aspects of this bill I thought I should rise after my colleagues from the Yukon and from Churchill and give some of my thoughts on this important piece of legislation. Some of my colleagues on the other side may ask, "Is Alexander an expert on the question of minerals?"

**An hon. Member:** It never occurred to us.

**Mr. Alexander:** I am as honest as my friend from Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman). He said he is no expert but in keeping with his devotion to duty he thought it was required of him to indicate to the House and the people of the Yukon his thoughts in this regard. I