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anticipating the point of order of the Hon. Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys when I say that I must point out that that is going beyond the procedural matters I have to consider.

I will consider this matter very carefully. I believe there are several issues I have to consider. One is whether or not it is even for the Speaker of the House of Commons to rule on what takes place in the Senate. The second is to look carefully at the obligations of the Speaker in a case like this with respect to the integrity of legislation which is passed in this place and leaves here for the Senate. I will be considering carefully the implications of a situation in which it was acceptable for the Senate to split Bills that leave this place after the Government and this place have decided to deal with them in the form in which they were presented.

The Hon. Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys has put forth a vigorous argument on the substantive aspects of the situation. Those are arguments that no doubt took place here and may take place again if this place is considering the Bill further.

However, I have to consider the procedural implications of what the Senate is trying to do.

The Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants raises a very interesting aspect. It is one thing for the Senate to split a Bill in half, but if it can split a Bill into pieces and this House has to deal with it in that form, the effect on the time that would be taken is, of course, clearly evident.

Those are matters that I shall consider. I will return as quickly as I can to try to give some guidance to the House. I thank all Members for their interventions.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### AIR CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Thursday, July 7, consideration of Bill C-129, an Act to provide for the continuance of Air Canada under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares thereof to the public, as reported (with an amendment) from a legislative committee, and on the motions of Mr. Orlikow:

Motion No. 2

That Bill C-129 be amended in Clause 6 by striking out line 27 at page 3 and substituting the following therefor:

“those votes to not more than five”.

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-129 be amended in Clause 8 by striking out line 18 at page 7 and substituting the following therefor:

“shares of the Corporation up to a maximum of forty-five per cent of voting shares”.

**Mr. Speaker:** I should advise the House that we are debating Motions Nos. 2 and 7. I will recognize Members for debate.

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to Motions Nos. 2 and 7. There is no doubt that Canadians want a national airline. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) knew that before the last election when he said that Air Canada was not for sale. The drafters of this Bill also knew that is what Canadians wanted because the Bill only allows 55 per cent of the shares to be sold.

However, the Government is using smoke and mirrors and trying to play a shell game with Canadians. While the Government will keep 55 per cent of the shares, it will vote in accordance with the wishes of the 45 per cent private shareholders. Furthermore, 25 per cent of those private shares could be controlled by foreigners, leaving a real possibility that Air Canada could be controlled by foreigners.

Consequently, Motion No. 2 seeks to establish that foreign ownership of Air Canada shares be limited to 5 per cent rather than 25 per cent. The Government has only mentioned 45 per cent, and Motion No. 7 would require the Government to put that figure in the legislation so that we know what it means.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The question is on Motion No. 2 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow). 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.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

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