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reduction of 6,000 people in that area. That community suffered grievously.

There will be more suffering as this project goes ahead. I do not speak against it but I speak for compensation. It must occur. The people in those communities must be supported. The preservation of the environment is a cost of doing business. It is an operating cost of the Government, something not honoured on the West Coast in Ucleulet and Port Alberni, or in the Moresby Island situation. I urge that this cost, which is of benefit to all Canadians, be calculated as a cost to all Canadians not just to the people who live in Port Alberni and Ucleulet.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I have a quick comment for people listening who might be concerned about the difference between Motion No. 9 and Motion No. 10. It is the Government's position that the passage of Motion No. 9 does include the area under discussion. It would indeed protect the valley. We are turning this area into a park reserve rather than a park.

There could be a problem if Motion No. 10 were accepted that the specificity of the valley itself might make it more difficult in a legislative sense to do some of the work, and the generality of Clause 9 is the Government's preferred option in relation to this. But I think both motions are trying to get at the same result. I just wanted to put that on the record.

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I want to speak to one of the motions. We are supporting all of them. I want to thank the Government for listening to the people who appeared before the committee and then seeking unanimous consent in this House to allow them to come forward.

The motion I want to speak to is Motion No. 11 which was in the name of the Parliamentary Secretary. That motion will give the Government the ability to establish new national parks in new areas of the country. We have long had a dream in Thunder Bay to protect a range of mountains known as the Nor'westers as a provincial or national park. The committee in its consideration and the Parliamentary Secretary in her wisdom have decided that there is a desire in a least four parts of our country for the establishment of national parks and have provided the tool to the Government to allow that to occur. In Thunder Bay we have talked about it.

Under the master planning process of the Thunder Bay Parks and Recreation Department we have a written desire to move toward the development of a wilderness park known as the Nor'westers encompassing parts of the City of Thunder Bay, parts of Reserve No. 52, and parts of the Township of Neebing. This motion allows the planning to commence. It sets out some rules that would protect the owners of the land, would protect the communities and the interested parties. We have had some controversy in Thunder Bay over this matter. The Parks and Recreation Department went to the city council and said, here is an idea. The department asked for permission

to meet with the band council and to meet with the neighbours to the south and west, the neighbouring municipality, to talk about the idea. Unfortunately, one of the city councillors decided he would put out a press release which caused all sorts of bad reactions from those neighbours.

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This amendment, on the other hand, ensures that that kind of consultative process will occur. It talks about ensuring that the lands are owned by the Government of Canada, that the Government will not arbitrarily draw a line around a municipality on land owned publicly, whether provincially or municipally.

The Government cannot automatically incorporate private lands and would have to use another process to obtain them before the lands could be declared a national park. The province has to agree that the lands are suitable for a national park or a national marine park, as the case may be.

Then there is a procedure to ensure that people are informed through Gazetting and four weekly ads in local and provincial papers in both official languages and in a language that is deemed appropriate. If it were a park in the far part of northwestern Ontario, for example, Ojibwa may be the appropriate language to advertise in so that the people there could have a chance to review it.

I am quite pleased to support this amendment as well as the others. I think it is an excellent bit of progress for national parks, and I compliment the members of the legislative committee, including the chairman with whom I had discussions about this very matter some time ago, for seeing this change implemented in order to give us the power to create those parks where they are needed and where people want them.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 11 will be voted on separately. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motions?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 1 (Mrs. Browes) agreed to.

Motion No. 2 (Mrs. Browes) agreed to.

Motion No. 11 (Mrs. Browes) agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Motion No. 7 will be voted on separately with the vote being applied to Motion No. 12. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motions?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 7 (Mrs. Browes) agreed to.

Motion No. 12 (Mrs. Browes) agreed to.