

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EMERGENCIES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Monday, April 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Beatty that Bill C-77, an Act to authorize the taking of special temporary measures to ensure safety and security during national emergencies and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, be read the third time and passed.

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties, leading to all-Party agreement on the disposition of Bill C-77, an Act to authorize the taking of special temporary measures to ensure safety and security during national emergencies and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

As will be seen from the projected order of business for today, Bill C-77 was to be called at 6 p.m. this evening, with the question on the motion for third reading to be put immediately.

As all three Parties are in favour of the Bill, there is unanimous agreement that Bill C-77 be called as the first item of business this afternoon, with the question being put immediately, in order that the Bill may be referred to the Senate, with the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, there have indeed been discussions among the Parties, and we certainly are prepared to co-operate with the Government at this point in respect of Bill C-77.

The way in which the progress of Bill C-77 has been handled, both in the House and in committee, presents us with a fine example of just how well this House and its related committees can work.

The Hon. Member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn), and the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap) put forth 43 amendments, all of which were accepted by the Government. Those amendments improved the Bill.

Bill C-77 will replace the War Measures Act, a piece of legislation which we have been wanting to replace for some time.

All concerned, through their co-operation, made the process a success. For our part, we appreciate the co-operation shown by the Government, and in particular the willingness on the part of the Government to accept the amendments put forward during consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker: Is the House agreed that I put the question on the motion for the third reading of Bill C-77?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Government Organization Act, Atlantic Canada, 1987

Mr. Speaker: The question is as follows: It is moved by Miss Carney, for Mr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Clark (Yellowhead), that Bill C-77, an Act to authorize the taking of special temporary measures to ensure safety and security during national emergencies and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, be now read a third time and passed.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the third time and passed.

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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ACT, ATLANTIC CANADA, 1987

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-103, an Act to increase opportunity for economic development in Atlantic Canada, to establish the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

Mr. Speaker: There are 50 motions on the Order Paper and notices offered in amendment to Bill C-103, an Act to increase opportunity for economic development in Atlantic Canada, to establish the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts.

• (1520)

Motions Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, Nos. 7, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 33 stand in the name of the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. Harris). Motions Nos. 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16 to 32 inclusive and 34 to 50 inclusive stand in the name of the Hon. Member for Gander—Twillingate (Mr. Baker). Motion No. 14 stands in the name of the Hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Bouchard).

An amendment similar to Motion No. 1 was moved, debated and negated in committee. There is a slight variation in the wording, but the intent and object remain the same. Therefore, pursuant to Standing Order 114 (10), it will not be selected for debate.

Motions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are acceptable and each will be debated and voted on separately.

[Translation]

The Chair has some reservations about Motion No. 12, because it provides that the Agency will have to hire all employees who are affected, while Clause 24 of the Bill provides as follows:

24. Every indeterminate employee in the public service of Canada who is transferred to a position in the Agency . . .