

SCHOOL BOARDS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT, 2013

Resuming the debate adjourned on November 27, 2013, on the motion for second reading of the following bill:

Bill 122, An Act respecting collective bargaining in Ontario's school system

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): Further debate?

Hon. John Milloy: I'm pleased to stand today to participate in this debate about Bill 122. I want to take a minute to remind members in the House about where we are in terms of the debate around this bill. It's something that has been discussed quite frequently here in the Legislature, and I just want to share some of the statistics with this House.

This bill was introduced over a month and a half ago. Since that time, the bill has seen significant periods of debate in the House. Thirty-two members, according to our count, have now had the opportunity to speak to this bill; 59 members have participated in the debate through questions and comments. In listening to the debate, it seems clear—

Mr. John O'Toole: Point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): Point of order, the member for Durham.

Mr. John O'Toole: This is a contradiction. He called Bill 122, and he is not speaking to the purpose of the bill, so he's really out of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): Unfortunately, I don't find that there's a valid point of order. I return to the government House leader.

Hon. John Milloy: Mr. Speaker, in listening to the debate, and if you review Hansard, you would find that it seems clear that the majority of this House is in support of this bill. Yet the official opposition have been intent on continuing this debate, and their only goal seems to be delay. Only the official opposition continues to put up speakers, and as they continue to put up speakers, they have been playing procedural games, ringing bells, asking for adjournment of the House and adjournment of the debate and then not even voting for their own motions. Surely this signals that there is no true desire to have further meaningful debate on this bill.

This bill has already been debated for some 14 hours, and it is time that it comes to a vote. It's time that it goes to a committee. There is, as members are aware, some time sensitivity to this bill. The next round of collective bargaining in the education sector is fast approaching. Current contracts expire in August 2014, meaning that the collective bargaining process will need to begin early next year. It's important that there is some certainty with respect to that bargaining process—something that this bill, if passed, would create. It is therefore very important that the committee begin its process as soon as possible.

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At the same time, the House can move on to debate other substantive matters that are being stalled as a result of the official opposition's procedural games on Bill 122.

For example, Bill 21, the Employment Standards Amendment Act: We'd like to be able to conclude third reading stage of this bill.

Bill 83, the Protection of Public Participation Act, an important piece of legislation that aims to tackle strategic lawsuits that curb democratic rights: We'd like to spend more time debating that legislation.

Bill 91, the Waste Reduction Act, an important job-creating piece of legislation that we would like to see move into committee—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): I'm sorry to interrupt the government House leader, but he needs to come back to Bill 122 if he's going to participate in debate on Bill 122.

Hon. John Milloy: Mr. Speaker, I will simply say that the list goes on; there are ample examples of legislation that is being stalled because of the excessive debate.

There has been ample debate on Bill 122, and I move that this question be now put.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): This House stands in recess for 10 minutes while the Speaker considers the matter.

The House recessed from 1424 to 1437.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): I wish to inform the House that I've come to my decision. We are in the ninth day of debate on second reading of Bill 122; 32 members have spoken for almost 14 hours of debate. This is in excess of previous statistics when closure motions have, in fact, been allowed. Therefore, I am going to allow the motion.

Mr. Milloy has moved that the question now be put. Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion carry?

I heard a no.

All those in favour of the motion will please say "aye."

All those opposed will please say "nay."

In my opinion, the ayes have it.

Call in the members. This will be a 30-minute bell.

The division bells rang from 1438 to 1508.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): I would ask the members to please take their seats.

Mr. Milloy has moved that the question now be put. All those in favour of the motion will please rise one at a time and be counted by the table staff.

Ayes

- Albanese, Laura
- Balkissoon, Bas
- Bartolucci, Rick
- Berardinetti, Lorenzo
- Bradley, James J.
- Cansfield, Donna H.
- Chiarelli, Bob
- Colle, Mike
- Coteau, Michael
- Crack, Grant
- Damerla, Dipika
- Del Duca, Steven
- Delaney, Bob
- Dhillon, Vic

- Dickson, Joe
- Duguid, Brad
- Flynn, Kevin Daniel
- Fraser, John
- Gravelle, Michael
- Hoskins, Eric
- Hunter, Mitzie
- Jaczek, Helena
- Kwinter, Monte
- Leal, Jeff
- MacCharles, Tracy
- Mangat, Amrit
- Matthews, Deborah
- Mauro, Bill

- McMeekin, Ted
- McNeely, Phil
- Meilleur, Madeleine
- Milloy, John
- Murray, Glen R.
- Naqvi, Yasir
- Oraziotti, David
- Piruzza, Teresa
- Sandals, Liz

- Sergio, Mario
- Wong, Soo
- Wynne, Kathleen O.
- Zimmer, David

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): All those opposed to the motion will please rise one at a time.

Nays

- Bailey, Robert
- Chudleigh, Ted
- Clark, Steve
- Dunlop, Garfield
- Elliott, Christine
- Hardeman, Ernie
- Hillier, Randy
- Holyday, Douglas C.
- Hudak, Tim
- Jones, Sylvia

- Klees, Frank
- Leone, Rob
- McDonell, Jim
- McKenna, Jane
- McNaughton, Monte
- Miller, Norm
- Milligan, Rob E.
- Munro, Julia
- Nicholls, Rick
- O'Toole, John

- Ouellette, Jerry J.
- Pettapiece, Randy
- Scott, Laurie
- Shurman, Peter
- Smith, Todd
- Walker, Bill
- Yakabuski, John
- Yurek, Jeff

The Clerk of the Assembly (Ms. Deborah Deller): The ayes are 41; the nays are 28.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ted Arnott): I declare the motion carried.

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Mrs. Sandals has moved second reading of Bill 122, An Act respecting collective bargaining in Ontario's school system. Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion carry? I heard a "no."

All those in favour of the motion will please say "aye."

All those opposed will please say "nay."

In my opinion, the ayes have it.

Call in the members. This will be a 30-minute bell.

I wish to inform the House that I have received a request for deferral from the chief government whip and, as such, this vote will be deferred until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 3, at the time of deferred votes.

Second reading vote deferred.