

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise to indicate to the House that today was designated as an allotted day.

Ms. McDonald: Not the whole day.

Ms. Mitchell: Half an hour.

Mr. Lewis: It is normally a day in which the Opposition chooses a motion to debate, puts it on the Order Paper for debate and then allows the debate to go forward. Today the House Leader for the New Democratic Party has argued that his motion, which was placed on the Order Paper by his Party, is out of order. Failing a quick decision on that, and I do not for a moment blame the Chair for reserving, the New Democratic Party is now stalling by calling for votes on whether or not its Members' Bills can be introduced.

In view of those circumstances, I want to point out, Mr. Speaker, that if this persists through the day, the day will be lost as an opposition day. Therefore, that day will be wasted.

Mr. Benjamin: You can't do that.

Mr. Lewis: Bear with me, Sir. That day will be wasted, and I am, therefore, notifying the House that Thursday will be an allotted day. That would be the ninth allotted day, if in fact we do not get to Orders of the Day or if the motion put on the Order Paper by the New Democratic Party, which it argues is out of order, is ruled out of order by yourself, Mr. Speaker. Then I would point out to the House that Friday being St. John Baptiste Day, Monday would be the tenth and final allotted day.

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): I rise on the same point of order. I was trying to be recognized to react to the point of order raised by the Hon. Deputy House Leader for the Government. I would like to point out that most of the items he appeared to have announced are hypothetical. They depend upon the ruling of the Chair. So on this side of the House we are taking nothing that is said as anything firm. If the Government plans to call for an allotted day, and so on, we would expect a clear announcement in the House, because these are all ifs and buts.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I seek the leave of the House to introduce my Bill regarding the international boundary between Canada and the State of Alaska.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Hon. Member could indicate to the Chair who is seconding the motion.

Mr. Fulton: The Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Ms. Mitchell).

Introduction of Bills

AN ACT RESPECTING THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN CANADA AND THE STATE OF ALASKA

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce a Bill entitled an Act respecting the International Boundary between Canada and the State of Alaska.

Mr. Speaker: is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 414)

YEAS

Members

Angus
Benjamin
Cassidy
Fulton
Gray
(Windsor West)
Keeper

Langdon
McDonald
(Broadview—
Greenwood)
McLaughlin
Mitchell
Nystrom

Robinson
Rodriguez
Rossi—14

NAYS

Members

Blenkarn
Hamilton

Scowen—3

• (1750)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I notice that after the question had been put certain Hon. Members entered the House. In all fairness, I cannot say that they attempted to vote, but is a very important principle that people cannot vote unless they are in the House before the question is put.