

legislation. Is it that important, or is it only important enough for five minutes' debate? How important is the time spent in the House of Commons to the Government? That is what I want to know. As well, I want to know what the Opposition is willing to sacrifice in the name of the workers of Canada in order that this legislation can proceed through second reading. It should have the measure of debate that it so justly deserves. Will it be given enough time in committee in order that we can do as the Minister suggested and hear the major players?

If the commitment from the Government is genuine, then we can meet these kinds of objectives. That is the way it must be met, by the meeting of minds within the structure. Otherwise we will end up with a lot of debate that is meaningless. The meaningfulness will come from debate. I urge that debate to continue at the earliest possible moment among our House Leaders.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to get drawn into this question and answer period, but the naivety and lack of actual background that obviously the Hon. Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen) has with respect to this matter has prompted me to make a brief comment. I would like simply to confirm that we have been attempting to have the legislation come forward. I find it exceedingly curious that a member of the New Democratic Party—

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Mr. Fulton: Let us have some order. Is that relevant? Come on, Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Kootenay West mentioned the fact that there was a proposal put forward by his House Leader. They get very excited when I get up and try to give those Hon. Members a little assistance with respect to their perspective, because they get things all wrong. I assure you I am trying to help the New Democratic Party. I am trying to assist them in order to make sure—

Mr. Kristiansen: Then agree to the motion!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: —that its failing place in public politics—

Mr. Fulton: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) on a point of order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I am prepared to help them.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please.

Mr. Fulton: There are certain rules in this House, Mr. Speaker, and the House Leader for the Official Opposition obviously does not understand them. This is a question and answer period. If the Hon. Member wants to ask a question of the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman), he should do so. If he just has a bunch of butterflies in his mind, I do not believe he should be seen to be in order.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): The point is well taken in that questions or comments must relate to the remarks made by the Hon. Member who had the floor.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I know that is the case, but you allowed the question with respect to Bill C-34, which was referred to. The Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West has indicated that we want to get on with this legislation, that we want to have the matter brought forward so that the interests of Canadian workers can be considered by the House of Commons. However, the reason we are not able to do that, Mr. Speaker, is that the New Democratic Party is preventing us from getting this matter before the House of Commons. It is that Party which has prevented us, in the negotiations, from getting on with this legislation.

Mr. Fulton: Point of order!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I simply say, Mr. Speaker, now that—

Mr. Fulton: You are the last one who should say that.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) on a point of order.

Mr. Fulton: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding of the rules of this House is that this is a question period in order to allow Hon. Members of this House to ask questions of the person who has just spoken. It is not to allow someone who does not know what they are talking about to continue blathering on. Everyone in this country knows that it is the Conservatives who are stalling. The question which was put to the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West made that quite clear. The Tories will not get up and say that they will support the passage of this legislation in one day.

Mr. Taylor: You are out of order!

Mr. Fulton: It is clear that they are the ones who are stalling. And those are the kinds of questions we want to put. If the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West wants to stall the ten minutes, then that is how it should be recorded.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order. First of all, the question of who stalled or has not stalled legislation is not a point of order in itself. It is a matter for debate. The Chair will leave Hon. Members to resolve this. Meanwhile, I would just ask Hon. Members to direct either their questions or their comments to the material which was delivered by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman). The Hon. Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen).

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I have not finished, Mr. Speaker. I was interrupted on a point of order.

Mr. Kristiansen: I believe I have the floor, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Point of order!

Mr. Kristiansen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to redirect my question—