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say that the only reason I got into these wide fields was that the hon. member was insisting that he get answers before we continued. That is why I did it.

Mr. More: All the minister sponsoring the bill could say was "No, no, no".

Mr. Skoreyko: I quite agree that the minister had to stray far afield in order to cover some of the questions posed by the hon. member for Acadia. Nevertheless, in his argument he did raise questions of very, very urgent importance, one of which was with regard to provincial governments. As I understood the minister, provincial governments are in a position to decide whether provincial employees can or cannot participate in the federal scheme. The minister also made reference to school teachers. All I want to know is this. Is the provincial government entitled to ask the employees of a given province to participate in a provincial scheme and withdraw from the federal scheme? Is this the case? If I have misunderstood the minister, then I apologize most sincerely; but I understood that the provincial governments had the right to ask their employees to participate in the provincial scheme and have nothing to do with the federal scheme as such.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 91 carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Skoreyko: Mr. Chairman, I posed a question that I think is of some importance. I am only dealing with the remarks made by the Minister of National Revenue, and I wish he would answer. I think he can.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Chairman, this question was dealt with under clause 6 (2) (i) of the bill, which was passed some time ago.

Mr. Skoreyko: I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman; but the comments of the Minister of National Revenue were—and I have written them down—that this is—

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Halifax.

Mr. Lloyd: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order—

Mr. Skoreyko: There is no point of order here, Mr. Chairman.

An hon. Member: That is not for you to decide.

[Mr. Benson.]

Mr. Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing my claim to a point of order.

Mr. MacInnis: You are not recognized yet, Jack.

Mr. Lloyd: I wish to draw attention—

Mr. MacInnis: On a point of order—

Mr. Lloyd: I am on a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. The hon. member for Halifax has the floor. The Chair can listen to only one point of order at a time.

Mr. MacInnis: Then, Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I recognize the hon. member for Cape Breton South, on a question of privilege.

Mr. MacInnis: On a question of privilege, the hon. member for Halifax rose and interrupted an hon. member on this side, saying he was raising a point of order. Then he went on to thank the Chair for recognizing him, when the Chair did not give him recognition until I stood up on a point of order. It is my privilege in this house—

The Deputy Chairman: If I could have the attention of the hon. member for Cape Breton South, I would ask him to accept the fact that the hon. member for Halifax was recognized by the Chair.

Mr. MacInnis: To continue with my point of privilege, or if necessary I will raise a second point of privilege, you, sir, did not give recognition to the hon. member for Halifax until I got up on a point of order.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. MacEwan: Absolutely right.

Mr. MacInnis: I say again, Mr. Chairman, you did not give recognition to the hon. member for Halifax till I raised a point of order. Hon. members opposite can holler and squawk for as long as they wish but I will stand here and defend my privileges in this house. I do not want anyone in this house, including the Chair, to tell me I did something which I did not do.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Cape Breton South has raised his point of privilege. I now recognize the hon. member for Halifax on a point of order.