

Rules and Forms. I think the first sentence is helpful. I quote:

Members often raise so-called "questions of privilege" on matters which should be dealt with as personal explanations or corrections, either in the debates or the proceedings of the House.

I suggest that the remarks of the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis) with regard to what previously transpired in this particular debate is not a reflection on any member that is incapable of at least being answered in debate. I heard the point being raised over and over again as to whether the notices of opposition with regard to certain portions of money or the full sum of moneys set forth in these estimates constitutes attempts to defeat a particular estimate, or to be unkind to old people, or to have some such motive ascribed.

I heard all of that last week, as did other occupants of the Chair. These points were answered at the time. I think they can be answered again. I do not find that is a reflection on previous proceedings. I again ask hon. members to consider that they have a right to participate in the debate and to make their points known, at least to give the reasons they proceed in certain ways. At the moment the hon. member for York South has the floor.

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Yukon rising on a further point of order?

**Mr. Nielsen:** With great respect, Mr. Speaker, it does not appear that the Chair has dealt with Standing Order 35, which was the point of order raised, because the items which the hon. member for York South referred to were votes that were taken this morning and last Friday afternoon. They were, in effect, votes. The hon. member for York South is attempting to deal with the position of this party on those votes. I suggest to the Chair that that is flying directly in the face of Standing Order 35 and should not be permitted.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. In the remarks I made a moment ago, I thought I dealt with the point raised by the hon. member for Yukon. He read part of Standing Order 35, and I quote:

No member may reflect upon any vote of the House, except for the purpose of moving such vote be rescinded.

I do not think that the way in which the hon. member for York South was proceeding was a reflection upon the vote and I so rule. I ask that he be permitted to make his speech.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, may I assure the pure, non-political member for Yukon that I intend to remain a gentleman, if I can, and that I suspect my gentlemanliness will not be at a disadvantage compared with that of others. I did not speak about the vote at all. I am talking about notices of opposition on which votes were not taken.

**Mr. Nielsen:** They were.

**Mr. Lewis:** They were not. What was voted on was the vote in the estimate. The notices of opposition were not

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voted on. I remind Your Honour that not only was there a notice of opposition, but for almost two days members of the Conservative party beat the air against the idea that this three year arrangement was in a supplementary estimate. Indeed, the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) referred to it in the mild way in which this kind, honest guy always refers to things. He also suggested that it was an improper procedure to have the three year arrangement in the supplementary estimates.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Peculiar.

**Mr. Lewis:** He says peculiar. He does not deny that is what he said. The Conservative party cannot have it both ways, Mr. Speaker. Either they are for the winter works program on a three year planning basis or they are not. I am sick and tired of their phony superiority throughout this debate.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** We have been treated to a parade of phonicness that I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, this parliament has not seen for a long time. Despite all their notices of opposition to various items in the supplementary estimates, the hon. gentlemen, including the member for Yukon, did not even have the courage to say "on division" when those motions were called.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** Before the bill was introduced, the supplementary estimates were passed without objection from any corner of this House, despite three days of time wasted arguing against them.

I have received one or two letters, not too many, from pensioners who wrote me they had received letters from members of the Conservative party saying that our party had opposed bringing forth pensions earlier. They did not know quite what it was about, but they wondered what it was. One was a letter from Cape Breton Island where one of the Conservative members had written to say that the New Democratic Party had opposed bringing old age pension legislation forward earlier. I suppose the reference was to the phony motion in January which would have had the effect of adjourning the debate. The word goes all over the country that members of the Conservative party are concerned about the old age pensioners—they wanted a debate on their problems to come on early. Mr. Speaker, they knew it was phony; they knew it was dishonest. They were not satisfied with putting that dishonesty before the House; they are now spreading it across the country.

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**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Lewis:** And these are the people who my colleagues and I are supposed, tomorrow, to permit to take over the government of this country because they are honest and because they know what should be done. Mr. Speaker, I don't like the Liberals. But I don't like the Tories any more!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!