

Income Tax Act

Some hon. Members: No.

The Chairman: Those in favour of clause 5 will please stand.

During the taking of the vote:

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): You can't vote; you just slipped in.

After the taking of the vote:

Clause agreed to: Yeas, 65; nays, 62.

The Chairman: I declare clause 5 carried.

Clause agreed to.

• (5:50 p.m.)

The Chairman: Shall clause 6 carry?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. It is generally accepted that once the Chair calls a vote no member is allowed to enter the chamber from behind the curtains. This happened on the other side. The Minister of National Health and Welfare came in after the vote was called and so did another hon. member in the back row.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, on the same point of order—

[*English*]

The Chairman: Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, on the same point of order.

The hon. member for Mercier (Mr. Boulanger) remained standing while his colleagues in the same row had sat down, in order to be counted with those in the fourth row.

Mr. Chairman, I submit that the hon. member for Mercier remained standing to be counted twice.

[*English*]

The Chairman: Will the hon. gentleman please be seated.

Some hon. Members: Recount.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Boulanger: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege.

On some occasions, I thought that the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) had dignity, was a serious man and had some respect for his colleagues, but his accusation against me is unworthy, vile and false.

[*The Chairman.*]

[*English*]

The Chairman: Order, please. Shall clause 6 carry?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Chairman, a point of order was raised and two members of the house have drawn your attention to the fact that members entered the chamber after the vote was called. I specifically named the Minister of National Health and Welfare as one of those members. The hon. member for Lapointe identified others. This is not supposed to take place.

Mr. Orange: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I wonder about the eyesight of the hon. member for Cape Breton South because the Minister of National Health and Welfare has been sitting beside me for the last ten minutes trying to convince me about something that is outside the purview of the house.

An hon. Member: I wonder what.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): On a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman, an hon. member has just drawn to your attention the fact that there may be something wrong with my eyesight. May I draw your attention to the fact that there is nothing wrong with the hearing of the Minister of National Health and Welfare who is capable, I think, of speaking for himself. If he was here when the vote was called he would have been the first to rise in his own defence. The minister found it necessary to leave his seat and he probably got caught on the way.

The Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Chairman, I should like to support the hon. member for Northwest Territories. I want to assure the committee and the Chair that I was sitting in that part of the house for a considerable length of time and when the vote was finished I came over to congratulate the whip, not only for winning the vote but for his unerring accuracy in counting it.

The Chairman: Order, please. Perhaps I should read to the committee standing order 12 (2) which applies in this case. It reads as follows:

When Mr. Speaker is putting a question, no member shall enter, walk out of or across the house, or make any noise or disturbance.

This is the applicable standing order, and I would hope that hon. members would be governed by it.