

At a certain point, it is also the responsibility of the Chair to summarize in one's mind what is taking place in the House. I want to assure the Hon. Member that I regret that it is he, in fact, who happens to be subject to my intervention at this point, but I would have had to do it at some point or other. It is clear that during the course of the afternoon there has been an increasing tendency to use points of order to, in fact, cause debate. The Chair cannot go on all day and all week, or for whatever length of time, accepting a point of order which is not under a Standing Order as a point of order but which is in fact debate on the substance of the Bill.

I do most sincerely ask the Hon. Member to understand that it is not his case in particular that causes the Chair to come to this point, but the day is wearing on and I think the Chair must alert Hon. Members that there must be a distinction between debate on the substance of the Bill and debate on points of order.

Therefore, I ask for Hon. Members' kindness and consideration, if I may put it that way, but I will now ask Hon. Members first to be brief and, second, to ensure that their remarks are related to points of order. If an Hon. Member wants very seriously to make a point of order, I would want to ensure that he has that right. If he begins to quote Beauchesne at the beginning of his remarks, I will listen longer and more carefully. Without that, I will start cutting off people. I will recognize the Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Speaker, I have not tried to use up some extra time, however. I have been trying to make one specific point with regard to Motion No. 20.

Mr. Pepin: Hasn't it been made before?

Mr. Parker: I feel that there has been a preliminary decision made on this matter. It is important that my views be heard as to why I feel that this particular motion should be heard.

Mr. Evans: Procedurally.

Mr. Parker: I have not taken up additional time of the House. I will speak on this one motion and then I will sit down. I would like to be heard for another minute, if at all possible. We have been afforded some leniency.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): One minute.

Mr. Parker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is imperative that Motion No. 20 be given full consideration. It has nothing to do with the transportation of our grain. It is a consequential issue. It is one that we have asked to be separated from the Bill.

Mr. Pepin: You've said that 15 times.

Mr. Parker: Not only do I not want to support it being turned over to the federal Government, but the Province of British Columbia also feels it is the rightful owner and should not be included in this part of the Bill.

Mr. Pepin: You've said that 15 times, to my knowledge. There must be a limit somewhere.

Western Grain Transportation Act

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

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The Hon. Member for Regina West has already spoken this afternoon on a point of order. Is it a fresh point of order?

Mr. Benjamin: Yes, Mr. Speaker. On the preliminary ruling of the Chair regarding Motion No. 20, the Hon. Member for Northumberland-Miramichi (Mr. Dionne) and I had some discussion on this matter in the committee. However, I want to ask the Chair to reconsider your preliminary ruling on Motion No. 20 on grounds that, according to the Chair, it goes beyond the scope of the Bill.

Since the intent of the legislation is to open up those lands as to the price, and the lands are under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government according to the Crow's Nest Pass Act, I want to submit that since the Dominion Government has done nothing with those lands since 1897, has only held them in trust, therefore—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order.

Mr. Benjamin: —it is not beyond the Bill—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please, I think that as an exercise in parliamentary debate, from this point on the Chair ought to indicate that Hon. Members should proceed to give the Chair a capsuled understanding, within the first 30 seconds, of what the point of order is. I must make a distinction between debate on the substance of the Bill or any of the amendments and debate or comments that are related to a point of order. Otherwise, the House could continue for six months on what are called points of order. The reason Hon. Members place me and other people in the Chair is to ensure that the Standing Orders are enforced. I will listen for 30 seconds to the Hon. Member for Regina West.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, my 30 seconds were on the preliminary ruling of Madam Speaker, about the motion going beyond the scope of the Bill. I was trying to ask the Chair to reconsider that in fact it does not go beyond the scope of the Bill for the Bill to state the lands should be returned to the Province of British Columbia. I say that it does not go beyond the scope of the Bill because the lands have only been held in trust, formerly held by the Province of British Columbia. There is no impingement on the royal Recommendation. There is no impingement on the intent of the Bill to deal with the handling, transportation and shipping of grain.

I defy anyone to show that returning Dominion coal lands to the original providers, namely, the Province of British Columbia, goes beyond the handling, shipping and transportation of grain.

It is not a substantive amendment. I hope the Chair will take that into consideration.

Now I would like to refer to Motion No. 16.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Since the Hon. Member, himself specified that he was rising on a point of order on