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is related only to clause 2 and I am sure that at that time he will have an opportunity to discuss it. So, I would urge him to wait till we come to that clause.

**Mr. Roberge:** Mr. Chairman, if I may be allowed to make a remark in connection with your own call to order, it is said in the explanatory note of the bill:

The purpose of clauses 1 and 2 of this bill is to provide certain alternative arrangements for payment, either by Canada through the Canadian universities foundation or directly by a province, of the grants to institutions of higher learning presently paid under the authority of the Appropriation Act.

By simply reading the explanatory note as well as clause 1, I suggest, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, that it would be in order for the member for Gatineau to discuss this matter.

(Text):

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I wonder whether I can help to clarify this provision of clause 1? Otherwise we are going to waste a good deal of time in going on as we are and, if I may say so, in a disorderly way. The provision of clause 1 of the bill affects only those provinces which up to this time have entered into agreements with the federal government to rent to the federal government the field of the corporation tax. There are eight provinces that have entered into such agreements. Ontario collects its own corporation tax. Quebec has no agreement with the federal government; it collects its own corporation tax. This provision now under debate, Mr. Chairman, simply has reference to those eight provinces which up to this time have entered into agreements to rent that one field of taxation to the federal government and it permits them, if they so desire, to revise, repeal or amend the agreement they have made with the federal government in order to resume the collection of the corporation tax. This clause could have no application to provinces in the position today of Ontario and Quebec.

**Mr. Chevrier:** May I say a word on this matter because here—

**An hon. Member:** Ten o'clock.

**The Chairman:** Order. It being ten o'clock, I think we might continue this discussion when the committee sits again. Then I will hear the hon. member, unless there is unanimous consent to continue now.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I can do it in about two minutes.

**The Chairman:** Unless there is unanimous consent to proceed, I shall be obliged to call it ten o'clock.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** May I suggest that as we are all trying to accommodate one another here this evening perhaps the committee might be willing to continue its sitting for the two minutes so that the hon. member may complete his comment on the point of order.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I thank the minister.

**The Chairman:** Is the committee agreeable to that procedure?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Chevrier:** The only point I want to make is this, and I will make it quickly. On the discussion of the resolution as well as on the discussion on second reading we are prevented from dealing with the bill clause by clause. There is a rule which prohibits that procedure, and it is a very good one. We speak on the principle, and that is what we did. Now we come into committee and what are we being told? We are being told that we cannot discuss this matter on clause 1, that we must go to clause 2 or wait until discussion of clause 3. We feel that on clause 1, as you yourself, Mr. Chairman, said earlier, there should be a general discussion which should not be in too great detail in order that hon. members might put their objections, if they have any, on record. Then when we come to clause 2 we shall have to deal with that, and clause 3 similarly. That is the proposition I make.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I can only say that the proposition which the hon. gentleman has put forward is completely at variance with the rules of this house. The discussion on clause 1 may be general, if that is permitted, but when it becomes detailed it must be relevant to clause 1, not to clause 2. Discussion on the details of clause 2 must await the calling of clause 2.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** In view of the fact that the Minister of Finance has spoken again, I suggest you call it ten o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** It being ten o'clock I will deal with the point of order on a later occasion.

Progress reported.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Chevrier:** May I inquire what the business is to be tomorrow?

**Mr. Churchill:** We shall continue consideration of Bill No. C-56. If that is finished we shall go on with the budget resolutions.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.