

committee while debate on second reading of Bill C-103 takes place in the House?

I bring these matters to your attention and to the attention of the government, Madam Speaker, to point out the difficulties the opposition has in preparing for debate on a complicated bill with only one or two hours' notice. I hope that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) will take this seriously. I think the government would want to be fair to the opposition and give it a chance to prepare properly before speaking on these bills.

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, I sympathize with the points raised by the hon. member but I should like to draw to his attention that the so-called discrepancies he has referred to that occur between Bill C-94 and the Petroleum Administration Act that was given first reading yesterday, are all in the Ways and Means motion that was tabled on Monday. The hon. member should not claim that he has been taken by surprise at the changes in the figures that relate to particular taxes. As a matter of fact, the official opposition drew attention to these changes yesterday afternoon.

As far as the bill itself is concerned, it was tabled at ten o'clock last night and was given first reading with the unanimous agreement of the House. This came after consultation between the House leaders and with their agreement that we could proceed in this way so that the opposition would have as much time as possible to debate the bill and have it referred to the committee as early as possible. The modifications in the bill were contained in the Ways and Means motion which was published last Monday.

Perhaps my hon. friend's House leader has not been in touch with him in this regard; I do not know about that. He says that the bill may come up for debate as early as 4.15 this afternoon. We finish at six o'clock today and I do not believe that we will be through with the bill by then, so we will most likely come back to it later.

As far as I am concerned, if the hon. member wants to speak twice on the bill, and if the House agrees, he is welcome to do so. If not, he may put someone else up to speak or he may wait until we come back to the bill. In that case he may have a couple of weeks to get ready so he will not do as he did yesterday, that is, read the wrong speech.

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Madam Speaker, I would point out that we are bound by a House order on these matters. With respect to the suggestion of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde), I would point out that the block time that is allotted to the NDP may be used as that party chooses. The provisions of Standing Order 31 are suspended, so if the hon. member wishes to speak for an hour or for the whole seven, he can do that.

I find it strange that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) would not have the moxie in regard to parliamentary proceedings to have read the *Votes and Proceedings* for last Monday where, as the minister pointed out, he would have found the full text of the Ways and Means

motion. I do not know how he can now claim to be surprised. I cannot understand why he should be whining about more time. We are ready and we have been ready for some weeks to discuss this measure. It has been improved in a very small way by the minister—he still has a long way to go—but we are prepared to enter into discussion of any of these measures at any time. We do not need any further time to prepare.

I would suggest to the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway that he might like to have a study period with his colleagues in order to familiarize himself with the provisions in this and the other energy measures that have come down. If he wishes our help, we will be only too happy to co-operate with him.

**Mr. Waddell:** Madam Speaker, I do not need the rather outworn suggestions of the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). As far as the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is concerned, I notice that even when he has the carrot in front of him he still resorts to the stick.

The point is that a Ways and Means motion does not contain all of the bill. It is part of the bill, but there are other parts that were not in the motion.

My examination of the bill has indicated a few changes. I will not go into them in detail but I want to point out to the hon. member for Yukon and to the minister that, for example, the Canadian ownership charge was \$25 per cubic meter or \$4 per barrel in the draft, and it has dropped to \$7.25 per cubic meter or \$1.15 per barrel. That is a crucial change in the government's concept of nationalizing companies and how we pay for that.

I will not get into the debate here, Madam Speaker, but I will take the minister up on his suggestion about further speeches. I will decide whether I want to go into debate this afternoon, but I am putting the government on notice that we want some fairness in the way these bills are dealt with.

I can tell the former minister of public works, the member from—where is it—Yukon—that if he wants to debate energy with me any time, I am ready.

**Mr. Jarvis:** That would be cruel and unusual punishment.

**Madam Speaker:** I sympathize with the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway but of course all this is being done under an order of the House and pursuant to the negotiations that took place between the leaders of all parties, so there is not much I can do for him. I sympathize with him, but there is a House order and we have to comply with it.

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#### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, I have a brief question to put to the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Smith) about Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers. I was on my feet at the time you called the last three points of order.