Employment and Immigration

Messrs.

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• (2220)

Mr. Speaker: I therefore declare motion No. 10 also lost. Motion No. 10 (Mr. Blackburn) negatived.

Mr. Speaker: The question is upon motion No. 11 (Mr. Rodriguez) which will also dispose of motion No. 30 in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes). Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Nystrom, moved:

That Bill C-27, an Act to establish the Department of Employment and Immigration, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 and to amend certain other statutes in consequence thereof, be amended in Clause 33 by striking out line 34 at page 14 and substituting the following therefor:—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

Some hon. Members: Out!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Some hon, Members: Out!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

"(c) fifty-one weeks of benefit have been paid".

Those in favour of the motion will please rise.

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. There should be some clarification here about votes. A member, after he voted, and before the vote was completely tallied and the count was taken, stood up and left the Chamber. A few minutes ago he came back in and another member has gotten up and left, before the vote was announced. I think that we should know whether or not, when a vote is taken—

Some hon, Members: Out!

Mr. Coates: —a member should sit in his seat—

Some hon. Members: Out!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members should understand that there is no restriction on a member entering or leaving the Chamber during the hearing of a question of privilege; there is during the taking of a vote. The clarification that is sought is: When does the taking of the vote commence? The taking of the vote commences with the reading of the motion. I was putting the question.

The relevant Standing Order is Standing Order 12(2):

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

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon, member referred to—

An hon. Member: Comox-Alberni.

Mr. Speaker: —the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Anderson), had entered the Chamber wrongfully. I indicated to him on a point of order that he ought to leave the Chamber, and he did. While I was putting the question, the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North (Mr. Coates) sought the floor and got up on a question of privilege, during which the hon. member re-entered the Chamber.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member cannot have it both ways. During the putting of a question, there can be no taking of points of order or questions of privilege. During the putting of this question, I saw the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North. Surely if I am able to see him for a question of privilege I am not on the taking of a vote. We must be either taking the question of privilege or taking the question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. For clarification of what is involved in putting the question, the putting of the question begins with the reading of the motion and ends when I receive the tabulation and make a declaration.

• (2230)

Mr. Coates: For your information, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have heard the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester North on his question of privilege. Order, please. For the sake of clarification in the putting of this question I am prepared to ask the hon. member to abide by the sentiment of the House but not, in my opinion, by the technical rules of the House, and leave the Chamber during the taking of this next vote.

Mr. Coates: If you would just hear my question of privilege—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have heard the hon, member for Cumberland-Colchester North.

Mr. Coates: Hear my question!

Mr. Speaker: With respect, the question of privilege raised by the hon. member was concerned with what is involved in the taking of a vote. I have indicated that it begins with the putting of the question and ends with my declaration of the motion being either carried or lost.

Mr. Coates: Mr. Speaker, the last count is wrong. My question of privilege relates to the fact that before the last vote was completed the hon. member got up—

Some hon. Members: Turn on the microphone!