

Estimates

Messrs:

Rowland	Thompson (Red Deer)
Ryan	Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley)
Schumacher	Valade
Scott	Woolliams—58.
Simpson	
Stewart (Marquette)	

Motion (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

• (0250)

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order because of a ruling made earlier by the Chair to the effect that a member on this side of the House had walked in when the Chair was putting the vote, while at the same time the Chair failed to recognize that the same thing happened on the other side of the House. The Chair's attention was drawn to the fact that during the vote on No. 42 a member on the other side had left his seat. I think at that time there should have been a ruling, because the Chair was very well aware of the fact.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. MacInnis: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I have put a point of order before the Chair in which the Chair was very much aware of the situation, and according to Standing Order 12(2) the Speaker is obligated to do something about it in that he saw members on the other side and failed to recognize the same violation.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Sit down!

An hon. Member: That is not a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Chair would like to hear the hon. member.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I again draw your attention to Standing Order 12(2) and repeat that the rule was used in regard to a member from this side of the House while it was very obvious that violations were taking place on the other side of the House and during the vote on No. 42—

Mr. Duquet: Every time you talk about the rules you are wrong.

An hon. Member: Start all over again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I would think that hon. members would co-operate with the Chair and with the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis). In fairness to the hon. member, I think I should rule on this point of order but I am not in a position to do so until I hear the hon. member. I would ask hon. members to hear the point of order.

An hon. Member: Get it straight this time, Donnie.

Mr. MacInnis: At the request of hon. members on the other side of the House, I will repeat it. Standing Order 12(2) has been violated, and the Speaker drew on that rule to remind a member from this side of the House who had to leave, while at the same time the same violation was

taking place on the government side of the House. The Speaker's attention was drawn to that fact during the vote on No. 42 and Mr. Speaker should have ruled on the member from the government side as well as members of the opposition.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member has asked me to rule on his point of order. I think he will understand, and I think all hon. members will understand, that I am in a position where I cannot rule because I do not have personal knowledge of the matter. I accept the hon. member's word but I am not in a position to rule because the matter to which the hon. member refers is not, in my consciousness, within my personal knowledge.

Mr. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on another question of privilege. The privilege arises at this time because Your Honour's attention was fully drawn to the fact that this violation was taking place.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member has indicated his concern on this point of order. I am not sure if he was referring to the vote which has just finished, when I heard a bit of disturbance in the House. I repeat that I have no personal knowledge that any hon. member has violated our Standing Orders. I must leave it at that.

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board) moved:

That the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1972, except those votes concurred in earlier this day, and less amounts voted in interim supply, be concurred in.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed to the said motion will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion carried on division.

Mr. Drury thereupon moved that Bill C-221, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the year ending March 31, 1973, be read the first time and be printed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time?

Some hon. Members: Now.