

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: The question I must determine is whether the amendment moved by the Honourable Member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker) is in order. It is necessary that an amendment which is moved at this time should be relevant to the amendment as amended. See Beauchesne's Third Edition, pp. 611 et seq. I am not sure that the amendment moved by the Honourable Member for Lake Centre is relevant to the amendment, as amended. I am not making a ruling in advance, but it seems to me that it might be more appropriate if this amendment were moved when the main motion as amended is presented to the House.

However, I think for all practical purposes it might be better to dispose of this question now. The Honourable Member for Lake Centre has made an address on the subject. I see that the Minister of Finance is in the House. He rose as if he were prepared to speak. Probably it would save the time of the House, without this being considered a precedent, if the amendment of the Honourable Member for Lake Centre were allowed to stand.

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And a Debate arising on the proposed amendment of Mr. Diefenbaker, and continuing; the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Browne (St. John's West), adjourned.

At ten o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question put, until tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to Special Order made Friday, November 2, 1951.