

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Fairweather) has proposed what he described as a reasoned amendment. He and other Members may be able to convince me otherwise, but with great respect I think it is not a reasoned amendment as we know it within the rules and precedents of the House. I might indicate to the honourable Member that one of the requirements of a reasoned amendment is that it oppose the principle of the bill. The honourable Member has indicated that he does not oppose the principle, but suggests that the government should introduce far more comprehensive and, as he described it, more constructive measures. I will hear argument if the honourable Member would like to present it.

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Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Fundy-Royal in proposing a reasoned amendment has referred to the rule changes. If the honourable Member can give me authority or precedent to indicate that the rules in respect of a reasoned amendment have been changed as a result of the rule changes I will be guided by that. However, it is my opinion that consideration as to the procedural acceptability of reasoned amendments have not been changed by the rule changes. Many honourable Members who are learned in procedural matters have argued that this is the case, but because honourable Members argue that, to be the case, does not make it so. With respect, I feel there is no authority vested in the Chair to alter the established principles outlined by Beauchesne, May and other authorities which have guided us for some time. In my respectful opinion the rule changes have not changed the considerations I must apply as to whether or not the Chair should accept a reasoned amendment. For that reason and the reasons I mentioned earlier I regretfully must come to the conclusion that this is not a reasoned amendment and, therefore, it cannot be put to the Chamber.

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Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Pepin, seconded by Mr. Basford,—That Bill C-201, An Act to provide for the review and assessment of acquisitions of control of Canadian business enterprises by certain persons, be now read a second time and be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

And debate continuing;

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

(Notices of Motions)

Mr. McCleave, seconded by Mr. MacLean, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of declaring as rapidly as feasible a 90-10 formula of cost-sharing with the Atlantic

Provinces, of the highways program formerly carried on with those provinces by the Atlantic Development Board, and of joining with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the Fundy Trail project, and of joining with Nova Scotia in building a crossing across the Shubenacadie River.—(Notice of Motion No. 9).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

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And debate continuing;

(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

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Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Mr. Nowlan for Mr. MacDonald (Egmont) on the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Messrs. Major, Roy (Laval), Lessard (Lac-Saint-Jean), Langlois, Rock and Peddle for Messrs. LeBlanc (Rimouski), Robinson, Thomas (Maisonneuve-Rosemont), Marceau, MacDonald (Egmont) and Ryan on the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

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Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Chrétien, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Capital Budget of the National Battlefields Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, (English and