

period in their lifetime. They travel back and forth to work in air-conditioned cars on congested asphalt roadways. Perhaps 20 years from now scientists will be listing these factors as causes of the increase in respiratory diseases.

I notice that Senator Frith did not include any of these aspects in his motion. He seems to still enjoy driving his automobile. Not too long ago, we heard him sponsoring a motion requesting that the engines of automobiles be turned off outside the building. If he is worried about the stone outside the building, I suggest he should consider what the exhaust fumes are doing to his lungs.

I do not think anyone can argue that there is evidence that smoking does harm to the human body, and in particular to the respiratory tract. However, certain types of smoking are not apparently as harmful as others. I noticed an advertisement from the Equitable Life Insurance Company advertising a special rate for non-smokers. Lower premium rates were available if you had not smoked for a year, or if you smoked only a pipe or cigars. I assume that actuarial people in life insurance companies have studied various documents to arrive at their formulae, since actuaries normally do not set the rates by the flip of a coin. They usually have a very good basis for deciding a certain rate.

On smoking in committees, I am personally willing to give it up, but I think there should be certain irritants removed from the committee proceedings that cause one to want to smoke a cigarette, a pipe or a cigar. I am thinking of Senator Frith's attitude in committee where he takes 10 minutes to explain why he wants to ask a question, 15 minutes to ask the question and 25 minutes to answer the question that he has already asked. He insists on asking his questions and answering them, and by this time we have used up 50 minutes of an hour-and-a-half or two-hour meeting. I find, honourable senators, that after I have endured this, I really am craving a return to the pipe and I look at Senator McElman's pipe with great envy. Perhaps if we removed a few irritants of that nature, then smoking would not be as much of a problem as it is. I was about to suggest, honourable senators, that after the first hour, if Senator Frith is still continuing to ask questions, the chairman could perhaps hand out Rothman's cigars and we could relax and possibly enjoy the proceedings. That suggestion was made in the spirit of compromise. I have tried to compromise with Senator Frith before. It is rather like dealing with Gorbachev. It is a lengthy, continuing process and I do not see my hope of a compromise being reached.

Therefore, in amendment, honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Kelly:

That the motion be not now adopted but that it be amended by adding, immediately after the word "committees", the words "during the first hour".

● (1520)

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion in amendment?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yes.

**Some Hon. Senators:** No.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Will those honourable senators in favour of the motion in amendment please say "yea"?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Yea.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Will those honourable senators who are against the motion in amendment please say "nay"?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Nay.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** In my opinion, the "nays" have it. I declare the motion in amendment defeated.

**Senator Nurgitz:** It was close.

**Senator Doody:** Could we have a recount?

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, no doubt Senator Phillips will be proposed for a Nobel Prize for his careful research. We should forward his speech to Stockholm to see that he is properly rewarded.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, I wish to inform the Senate that if the Honourable Senator Frith speaks now, his speech will have the effect of closing the debate.

**Senator Phillips:** He just spoke!

**Senator Frith:** I just spoke to the amendment.

Motion in amendment negatived, on division.

**Hon. Charles McElman:** Honourable senators, before I move the adjournment of the debate, may I pose a question to the Honourable Senator Phillips? I was entranced by his relation of what happens in the Urals and the longevity of people who eat potatoes, as well as his reference to P.E.I. potatoes, which I enjoy almost as much as New Brunswick potatoes. Did the honourable senator forget to advise the house that it was common practice in Prince Edward Island, as in the Urals, to have a potato stomping, and that in P.E.I. stomped potatoes result in an elixir that is called "potato champagne"? There are those who circulate the story, myth or whatever, that this elixir is quite capable of eliminating all bacteria, viruses and other harmful things. Perhaps the honourable senator might be able to suggest that potato champagne is the answer for those who fear lung cancer.

**Senator Macquarrie:** Explain the "other things."

**Senator McElman:** Heath, I forgot you were in the house.

**Hon. John M. Godfrey:** Honourable senators, I am a little bit confused. I thought that Senator Frith made a couple of comments which closed the debate. Then Senator McElman got up and adjourned the debate.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Senator McElman was in the process of adjourning the debate by way of asking a short question.

**Senator McElman:** Senator Frith could not have closed the debate, as suggested by my colleague, because the traditional warning had not been given by the Chair. So anything that Senator Frith may have said up to that point really has no bearing on the closing of the debate.