

*Income Tax Act*

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent to revert to motions for the purpose of moving the motion to which the hon. member has referred?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

## INCOME TAX ACT

MOTION TO CORRECT PROCEDURAL DEFECTS IN  
RELATION TO BILL C-259

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I would move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman):

That, notwithstanding the terms of the ways and means motion upon which Bill C-259 was introduced, this House deems that the said bill was properly introduced within the terms of Standing Order 60, provided that the form of the said ways and means motion shall not be accepted as a precedent in any future case;

And that it shall be an instruction to the committee of the whole on the said bill that the admissibility of any proposed amendments thereto shall be governed by the bill as read a second time and shall not be limited by the said ways and means motion although all other procedures relating to financial or tax measures shall apply.

**Mr. Stanfield:** We are a generous opposition.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, the House leaders met and we have overcome the difficulty which Your Honour properly pointed out. We accept the proposal. There is one condition which I believe should be placed on the record. It is our understanding that the proposal contained in the motion will mean that the government will not be permitted to introduce further amendments of substance affecting ways and means or extending beyond the terms of the bill without, of course, a proper resolution or notice being given. I think that is the plan but I thought I should make definite that this is our interpretation of the effect of the motion.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, when this point of order was—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure we are on a point of order. My understanding is that we are now on motions. I interrupted the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) because I understand the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) is rising on a point of order.

[*Translation*]

Is the hon. member for Bellechasse raising a point of order?

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to draw the Chair's attention to the fact that since the interpreter could not catch the statement of the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Jerome), I cannot give my consent because I did not hear exactly what he said.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will try to remedy this problem by reading the motion as slowly as possible:

[*English*]

This may be cured by the Chair reading the motion:

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And that it shall be an instruction to the committee of the whole on the said bill that the admissibility of any proposed amendments thereto shall be governed by the bill as read a second time and shall not be limited by the said ways and means motion although all other procedures relating to financial or tax measures shall apply.

Perhaps the House would allow me to return to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, when the point of order that is the subject of this motion was raised, perhaps I went too far in admitting that the House leaders had agreed to the form of the resolution which led to the difficulty. At any rate, honesty is a good policy. Your Honour then suggested that the House leaders who got us into the trouble should get us out of it. That is what we have tried to do. I hope we have succeeded.

Our understanding is that the terms in which Bill C-259 was printed and presented to this House on second reading are now to constitute the form of the resolution. In other words, from here on we are not limited by what was in the draft, but we are limited by what is in the wording of the bill itself; that is, Bill C-259 as printed becomes, for the purpose of this debate, the resolution rather than the draft bill that was first given to us. We accept that, but because it is rather novel we want to underline the wording in the motion that this practice is not to be taken as a precedent. I realize the difficulty in respect of precedents which are not to be taken as precedents; they often are quoted later as precedents.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair. The House will resume at eight o'clock.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.