

kind of antediluvian, prehistoric policy-thinking of his Government. We will have had enough of him after 16 months.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Della Noce: Mr. Speaker, I should like to say something to my colleague from Hamilton East (Ms. Copps), if only the Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) would shut up so we can speak. He did not give me that opportunity a moment ago.

The Hon. Member for Hamilton East told me earlier that I am young and inexperienced. True, I am young, I have little experience, but I can still make a contribution in this House. But listening to her, one would think . . . Talk as much as you want about higher gasoline prices, my colleague from Bourassa cannot enlighten you about my election campaign because he was too busy, afraid as he was of losing his seat. He was too busy working in his own riding.

An Hon. Member: You must have been away!

Mr. Della Noce: I said during my campaign—if he does not know it he should have followed it, it is still in the newspaper—

An Hon. Member: Stop bragging!

Mr. Della Noce: I think that the Hon. Member for Bourassa, besides not telling the truth, thinks he is still on the government side.

Mr. Speaker—

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: I am forced to advise Members that the 10 minute period for questions and comments has expired. Once the 10 minutes have expired I am forced to cut off the exchange without any further comment.

I have come here myself to rule on the amendments which were proposed with regard to the borrowing authority, having spent some time studying the precedents. I thought it would be useful if that were done now in order to advise the House on the matters which it is in fact dealing with.

The Hon. Member for Saint-Henri-Westmount (Mr. Johnston) has proposed an amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill C-11, which reads:

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following words:

this House will not proceed with a Bill to provide borrowing authority for a fiscal year for which the Government has not provided complete details of spending requirements or revenue projections.

Borrowing Authority

The Member is attempting to move what is known as a reasoned amendment, but he will know that specific conditions must be met for such an amendment to be in order.

Citation 744(1) of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition states: "It must be declaratory of some principle adverse to, or different from, the principles, policy or provisions of the Bill."

The proposed amendment, in the opinion of the Chair, is not opposed to the principle of the Bill but rather is attempting to indirectly impose conditions upon the passage of such a Bill, that of requiring the provision of more detailed information relating to the Bill. This is clearly not in order and Members may wish to refer back to previous Speakers' decisions, such as that of Speaker Jerome on October 23, 1979 when a similar ruling was given.

In short, the Chair finds that passage of the amendment would not determine the status of the Bill, and therefore the amendment must be ruled out of order.

For these reasons, I must rule that the amendment proposed by the Hon. Member for Saint-Henri-Westmount is unacceptable as a reasoned amendment and cannot be put.

If I may now deal with the amendment proposed by the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis), it reads as follows:

Mr. Riis, seconded by Mr. Deans moves:

That all of the words after the word "that" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"that this House holds the opinion that the granting of an authority for the borrowing of a sum greater than the amount which is required to meet the government's needs to the end of the current fiscal year is objectionable in principle and this House therefore declines to give second reading to Bill C-11, an Act to provide borrowing authority".

This amendment, in the opinion of the Chair, does clearly oppose the principle of the Bill and falls within the conditions as set out in Beauchesne's Citation 744(1). It is declaratory of a principle adverse to the principle of the Bill. I therefore rule that this amendment is acceptable and is therefore now before the House.

I will recognize the Hon. Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow), and, with the consent of Members, will call it six o'clock. She will be the next Member to speak on the matter.

It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At six o'clock the House adjourned.