

75(5) the fact that the honourable Member did propose such a limited and a restricted amendment he also precluded other Members from moving amendments to his motion. But the Chair cannot get into this question because I know that on some occasions the honourable Member himself and other honourable Members might prepare amendments or motions for the purpose of preventing other Members from moving amendments or sub-amendments to it. I do not feel that Standing Order 75(5) is restrictive. It is up to the initiative and the will of honourable Members to try and attach in their own way amendments to motions or subamendments to amendments but they have to do it within the confines of the rules. The rules under which we proceed at this time are quite explicit and they require honourable Members to give notice.

Coming back to my first point, the one that the honourable Member seemed to agree with generally as to the question of relevancy, he will have to admit that his proposal being so limited providing for a change of the word "Governor" by the word "Commissioner" that the proposal made as an amendment by the honourable Member for Moose Jaw is completely outside that proposition. Of course, the Chair also has to ask himself whether the honourable Member for the Yukon would have the same opinion if the honourable Member for Moose Jaw had proposed the words the House of Commons instead of a public utilities board. The Chair is not here to judge whether the honourable Member for the Yukon is satisfied with the amendment which is proposed.

To my mind the amendment which has been moved by the honourable Member for Moose Jaw is completely foreign to the motion that is before the House at this time. Of course, it is not foreign to the bill and the honourable Member for Moose Jaw had all the latitude and all the time that any honourable Member has to put his proposal forward under Standing Order 75(5) by giving 24 hours' notice. His proposition would thus be before the House and the House would make a decision. But to try and force the Chair into creating a precedent by the use of an amendment to a motion and thus bringing in a completely new matter which is no less than a substitute proposition to delete the basic proposition and the only proposition which is included in the motion would, I think, create a bad precedent. At the same time I wonder if the motion proposed by the honourable Member for Moose Jaw is not also in anticipation of Motion numbered 4 which will be coming before the House later.

Because of all these considerations I find it very difficult to follow the points raised by the honourable Member for the Yukon. I can refer him to many precedents, the latest being a decision by the honourable Member for Beauharnois-Salaberry (Mr. Laniel) who was occupying the Chair in the House of Commons on December 17, 1973. I am sure if the honourable Member takes the trouble to read most of the decisions made by the Chair in regard to proceedings at report stage he will find this decision to be the right one.

For all these reasons I cannot accept the amendment proposed by the honourable Member for the Yukon.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Oberle,—That Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out the word "Governor" where the same appears in line 23 at page 2 and lines 4 and 5 at page 3 and substituting therefor in each case the word "Commissioner".

And debate continuing;

Mr. Dinsdale proposed to move in amendment thereto, —That Motion numbered 3 to amend Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be amended by deleting all of the words after the word "out" in line 3 of the said Motion numbered 3 and substituting therefor the words "with the approval of the Governor in Council", where the same appear in lines 22 and 23 at page 2 and the words "on such basis as may be approved by the Governor in Council" where the same appear in lines 3, 4 and 5 on page 3 and by adding to Clause 4, next after line 5 on page 3, the following:

"(e) all schedules or ranges of rates for public utilities supplied by the Commission under this Act and the rates to be changed within those schedules or ranges established pursuant to this section shall be subject to approval by the Yukon Public Utilities Board or the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board as the case may be."

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I finally found my way through the proposed amendment of the honourable Member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale). I have to say that this amendment has to be ruled out of order completely at the outset because to repeat what I have said about relevancy the rule of giving 24 hours' notice for a new proposition applies even more to this one. The honourable Member for Brandon-Souris or any other honourable Member whether they have participated in the debate or not will see in comparing Motion numbered 3 to the amendment just moved by the honourable Member that the amendment takes out all of the proposition. It takes out the meat of the point that was put forward and the change that was proposed by the honourable Member for the Yukon. Without repeating myself I must say I cannot accept the amendment.

If honourable Members will look at the amendment, they will find that it does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders, practices and rules of this House. Therefore I cannot accept it.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Oberle,—That Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out the word "Governor"