

On these grounds, grounds of high public policy, I humbly suggest to Your Honour that this amendment is not in order; and if it is out of order I would, of course, ask that it be ruled so. If it is in order may I again point out the seriousness of it to the house.

Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, not as to the point of order, but as to the effect of the amendment's carrying, may I point out that it does not mean that the amount voted by the house is somewhat reduced, as might be thought by a hasty reading of the amendment. It means that no money at all is voted by the house, and that we are left without the war's being financed at all. It is not a case of the war effort being impaired; it is a case of the war effort being completely frustrated and sabotaged.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I agree entirely with what my colleague the Minister of Finance has said. There is no specific amount mentioned in the amendment which would be a reduction of the vote. I suggest, therefore, that the whole thing is completely out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have listened with care to what has been said regarding the amendment before the house. When I looked at the amendment I came to the conclusion that it was in order. There was one doubt in my mind with regard to the last part of it, namely "and also the above order in council be repealed at once". I had some doubt in my mind regarding that; but the Clerk has now shown me an amendment moved on May 23, 1918, where—

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, that all the words in the motion after "that" be left out, and the following substituted therefor: "In the opinion of this house the War-time Elections Act should be repealed".

The amendment was declared in order and a recorded vote was taken.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): With all due respect to Your Honour, it was entirely different.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no difference in the question now before us, because at the end the amendment says, "and also the above order in council be repealed at once".

So far as the merits of the amendment are concerned, it will be understood of course that the Chair cannot give any direction to the house. Hon. members know the effect of the amendment, without its being pointed out by the Chair. I can rule only as to whether the

amendment is in order. I have so ruled. The question now before the house is that bill No. 3, for granting to His Majesty aid for national defence and security, be read a second time, to which the hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay, seconded by the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) has moved:

That all the words after the word "that" in the present motion be deleted and substituted by the following words: "this house is of the opinion that no money should be spent for the enforcement of the National Resources Mobilization Act, as well as the order in council 8891, and that the above act, chapter 13, IV, Geo. VI, and also the above order in council be repealed at once.

Perhaps I should have said, when some exception was taken by the Minister of Veterans' Affairs (Mr. Mackenzie) to the effect that it would mean that no money was being granted, that there is in my judgment relevancy in reducing the resolution therein contained as sanctioned and authorized by the governor general. But if it had been to increase, it would have been different.

However, the amendment is that the house is "of the opinion that no money should be spent". The question is on the amendment.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Dorion) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Bourget	Parent
Choquette	Pouliot
d'Anjou	Raymond
Dorion	Roy—9.
LaCroix	

NAYS

Messrs:

Abbott	Dupuis
Authier	Emmerson
Bence	Fair
Black (Cumberland)	Fournier (Hull)
Black (Yukon)	Fraser (Peterborough West)
Blair	Fulford
Blanchette	Furniss
Boucher	Gardiner
Bradette	Gershaw
Brooks	Gillis
Bruce	Golding
Bryce	Goulet
Burton	Graham
Casselman	Graydon
(Grenville-Dundas)	Green
Castleden	Gregory
Chevrier	Hanson (Skeena)
Church	Hatfield
Cleaver	Hazen
Coldwell	Henderson
Crerar	Hill
Dechene	Hlynka
Desmond	Homuth
Douglas	