

Royal Assent

Senate. There is nothing before the House, so the Hon. Member cannot have a point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, with great respect, this situation arises very rarely, but having arisen I believe the Hon. Member is in order as was the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) in a similar situation. He rose on a similar point of order which raised a grievance, and that is exactly what the Hon. Member is doing now. I suggest he is perfectly in order. The precedent has been set and I know the Chair always follows precedent and did so as occupant of the Chair, in recognizing the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton when he was doing precisely the same thing as the Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette is doing now. I suggest it was quite in order for him to continue.

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: I have to answer the Hon. Member for Yukon. The sitting has been suspended. We are just waiting for a message and, therefore, this is not the same situation as to the one to which the Hon. Member referred, when the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton took advantage of a situation which was not similar to this one. He raised a grievance, and that was in order. We have a different situation now, where we have suspended the sitting.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, to make intelligent use of the time, I seek unanimous consent so that we may adopt without debate all the bills pending on the *Order Paper*.

Madam Speaker: I think it is time for the Speaker to be productive. I have a few things to read to the House.

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[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-137, to provide for the resumption and continuation of longshoring and related operations at ports on the west coast of Canada, without amendment.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Rideau Hall
Ottawa
Government House

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Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor

General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today,, the 4th day of November, at 12.15 a.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to a Bill.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General

● (0020)

[English]

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I have a further point of order. I suggest that the Chair was premature in reading both those notices to Members since the House is not seized of the legislation referred to in either notice. The Senate has not yet reported, through Black Rod. I suggest that while it is perfectly proper to cut corners within the rules, it is not when we do not have the Bill reported back from the Senate.

With respect to the analogy between the situations, I certainly agree that the session was suspended. As soon as you, Madam Speaker, took the Chair that ended the suspension of the session, however, and we were once more properly formed. We have a solid precedent where Your Honour recognized the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton once you had returned to the Chair. Now the Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette is doing exactly the same thing.

I would suggest that if we are following precedent in this place, he should be recognized and allowed to continue, until Black Rod arrives.

Madam Speaker: To begin with, it was not premature because I had the message and the confirmation of the message in this letter. So I did not act prematurely. I had the message and it was my duty to read it to the House.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, on the point made by the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen), since the House is sitting and is not adjourned, I think under Standing Order 18(2) it is up to the Government to choose the order of business. I have just sought the consent of the House to deal with pending legislation, in order that we be productive and show good faith. I should like to have the reaction of the Hon. Member for Yukon to that suggestion.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, certainly the Government House Leader tried exactly the same ploy in the circumstances that gave rise to the situation that obtained with respect to the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton. At that time the Chair said it was out of order for the Government House Leader to intervene at that stage, because the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton had the floor. He was allowed to continue until Black Rod came in.

Madam Speaker: I want to make it clear to the Hon. Member that I could hear the Hon. Member for Portage-