

### *Election Expenses*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The point made by the hon. member is of interest and it will be considered by the Chair later today. I will look at the "blues" later this afternoon and perhaps I will look at *Hansard* tomorrow to determine whether the points made by the hon. member are in order. It may well be that the report received by the committee, if it is found by the Chair that there is an irregularity of such importance that would indicate the committee has gone beyond the powers granted it by the House in amending the bill as returned to the House, in that it does not conform with the recommendation, should be returned to the committee for further consideration. I should point out that it might be embarrassing if the House spent some days considering a bill in the event the Chair should rule that the bill be returned to the committee. I think it might be wise to have an early look at the points raised by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard), and I can assure the hon. member that the Chair will do so later this afternoon.

For the moment the House will proceed to the consideration of motion No. 1 which stands in the name of the hon. member for Skeena and is as follows:

That Bill C-203, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended by deleting the words "Election Expenses Act" in Clause 1 and substituting therefor the words:

"Election Expenses and Subsidies to Political Parties Act."

This is a motion which seeks to amend the title of the bill. The precedent for this was set, to some extent at least, when the House was considering the wiretapping bill and a similar motion to amend the title of that bill. That motion was postponed, in the same way as similar motions are postponed in the committee of the whole, for consideration at a later date. I would therefore suggest that motion No. 1 be allowed to stand in the same way as followed normally in committee.

I suggest that motions Nos. 2 and 30 could be grouped for the purpose of debate; motion No. 2 standing in the name of the hon. member for Skeena and the motion No. 30 in the name of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett), both of which substitute the words "Her Majesty in right of Canada".

The next item for consideration would be motion No. 3, and I would suggest that motions Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 should be considered together. This is the only grouping the Chair has attempted to make, with the assistance of the gentlemen at the table, because there are so many that it is practically impossible to present a group which would be satisfactory to all hon. members, particularly those who have proposed the motions.

In view of the fact that there are 42 motions for consideration, I would invite hon. members to be as relevant as possible, keeping in mind the Standing Orders and the procedures of this House in respect of several motions. If we had a general third reading debate on each of the 42 motions, we might still be here for Christmas of 1974. Therefore, I would seek the co-operation of hon. members in respect of the relevancy of their remarks to the motions being considered by the House. I would propose, therefore, that we start with the consideration of motion No. 2, in the name of the hon. member for Skeena, and motion No. 30, in

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the name of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni, as follows:

No. 2.

That Bill C-203, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended by deleting the words "a government, Crown corporation, or any other public agency" in paragraph (h) of the definition of "election expenses" in clause 2 and substituting the words:

"Her Majesty in right of Canada."

No. 30.

That Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended in subclause 9(2) by deleting the word "governments" in paragraph 63(1)(e) and substituting the words:

"Her Majesty in right of Canada"

and by deleting the word "government" in paragraph 63(1)(f) and substituting therefor the words:

"Her Majesty in right of Canada".

**Mr. Terry O'Connor (Halton):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I should raise this point of order now in respect of motion No. 13 in the name of the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard), but I would suggest that it is procedurally out of order in that it is contrary to Standing Order 22 of our rules and procedures which recognizes the constitutional right of members of the other place to amend provisions in a bill approved by the House of Commons. For that reason I suggest that the proposed motion by the hon. member is contrary to our Standing Orders.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I hesitate to interrupt the hon. member, but it is my hope that we will not take up time considering procedural matters. We have several other motions to consider in addition to the one put in question by the hon. member. While I am in sympathy with the point of order he has raised, the Chair will take the point into consideration when we reach motion No. 13. I would suggest that is the time to raise this point of order. The Chair will hear the remarks of the hon. member at that time. In the meantime, I will consider the hon. member's remarks as a caution and I will keep his objection in the back of my mind for further consideration. Is the hon. member for Skeena rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Howard:** Not really, Mr. Speaker. I would be prepared to go ahead with the consideration of motion No. 1, if that is the wish of the Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** The suggestion of the Chair is that we proceed to consideration of motions 2 and 30.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved:

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"Her Majesty in right of Canada".

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni)** moved:

No. 30.

That Bill C-203, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election