

*Yukon and Territorial Lands Act*

to be passed immediately but will eventually come back to the House, so there will still be time either to make a correction—

Meaning, in the recommendation itself—  
—or by clarifying the point after I have looked into the situation more closely.

Perhaps His Honour might be given that opportunity, since we are so close to the luncheon adjournment now.

I would also draw to Your Honour's attention a point raised by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien) at that time. The revenues from which the members of the council are paid do not come from the consolidated revenue fund of the Government of Canada but rather from the Yukon consolidated revenue fund, which is a separate fund entirely, by virtue of Section 15 of the existing act.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Possibly I might accept the invitation of the hon. member for Yukon to reflect on this over the luncheon adjournment. I feel obliged, however, to point out that my procedural objection does not lie in the interesting area of argument developed so far. I do not want to prejudge any decision, but my objection really lies in the area of relevancy—does the amendment in fact go beyond the terms of the bill. It seems to me there are citations in Beauchesne and May which are unequivocal with regard to this matter. Nevertheless, I will reflect on the arguments put forward and make a ruling after the luncheon adjournment.

It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. Prior to the luncheon adjournment the House was considering the procedural admissibility or otherwise of a motion at the report stage in the name of the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) to Bill C-212. At the time the Chair had some doubt as to its admissibility and heard procedural arguments. During the luncheon hour we have had some chance to give the matter further thought.

I must say that the difficulty is partly procedural and arises partly from the fact that we are very conscious of the importance of the amendment to the hon. member for

Yukon. This is obviously something of prime importance to him, a matter to which he has given a great deal of thought. I have also heard him many times in debate on the subject. This always makes it more difficult, because the Chair realizes the degree of commitment.

If it is of some consolation, I must say that I confess the procedural arguments with respect to possible objection on the ground that it might violate financial provisions were somewhat convincing. However, I must return to what I alluded to prior to the luncheon adjournment as the ground upon which I take procedural objection to the amendment, namely, that it seems to me that it goes behind bill C-212 and tries to amend the provisions in the main Act which are not covered in Bill C-212.

It has been suggested that the proposal covered by this motion is irrelevant and goes beyond the scope of Bill C-212. I would draw the attention of the House to May's seventeenth edition, page 549, which provides:

An amendment is out of order if it is irrelevant to the subject matter or beyond the scope of the bill, or if it is irrelevant to the subject matter or beyond the scope of the clause under consideration.

In like manner, I might also remind the House of citation 406 of Beauchesne's fourth edition, which provides, in part:

Amendments are out of order if they are (a) irrelevant to the bill, or beyond its scope—

For these reasons, and with some regret, as I have expressed, I must rule the motion inadmissible.

The House will now deal with Motion No. 2, which I might put to the House. The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) moves:

That Bill C-212, an act to amend the Yukon Act, the Northwest Territories Act and the Territorial Lands Act be amended by deleting the words "but the Governor in Council may, after consultation with the Council, at any time dissolve the Council and cause a new Council to be elected" in clause 2, lines 12, 13, 14 and 15, page 1 thereof, and replacing the comma after the word "longer" in line 12 with a period.

● (2:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Nielsen:** Mr. Speaker, this amendment will be a little difficult for members to follow if they are consulting both the bill as originally printed and as reprinted. The amendment attempts to amend the bill as originally printed because this section was amended in committee. That amendment is reflected in the bill as reprinted. The reason for advancing Motion No. 2 is to have it in