

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

publicly financed scheme carrying charges over the period can be reduced approximately by half.

I should like to make an appeal to the Prime Minister that he and his government reconsider the attitude they have taken, that they reconsider the closure motion and that they tell us before eight o'clock tonight that closure has been removed. I should also like the Prime Minister to talk over again with his ministers the idea of stopping this wildcat proposal and bringing in another resolution which will set up a crown corporation for the purpose of building this pipe line.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Calgary South.

Mr. Green: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, you have had a list of the speakers who are supposed to speak for our party today and the next speaker on our list is the hon. member for York-Humber. I should like that understood and I think she should be given the floor.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra raises as a point of order the order in which speakers are called from the chair. I think the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra and the committee as a whole will realize that officially there is no such thing as a list and that the chair is not bound by a list. I am going further perhaps than my responsibilities at the moment go because I consider that it is fair to all that the situation in which I find myself at the moment should be known.

The hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra as spokesman for the official opposition—I do not mean to say this personally—states that a certain member was the next speaker on the list for his party. I may say that it had been my intention, and I think it would be the intention of whoever was occupying the chair, to call that member when the next understood turn for the official opposition came around. In the ordinary routine, which is not a matter of order and not binding either on the chair or on the house, it would not at the moment be the turn of the official opposition. It would be the turn of another party.

I may say that all the whips with the exception of one—I have not seen the Social Credit whip today—have indicated the order in which they wish their members to speak, and all the whips have agreed on the persons who should speak in the time unofficially allotted to their particular parties. Any time taken by the hon. member for Calgary South, who as a member of the house has full right to be heard in the same way as any other member, and it is the duty of the chair to

[Mr. Campbell.]

call him, will not be charged up to that unofficial time which as a matter of courtesy, is allocated to the party for which the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra speaks.

Mr. Green: On the point of order, I take it then that I am to understand that this time is being allotted by the Liberal party?

The Deputy Chairman: I may say first to the hon. member that the question of the order in which persons are heard is not a matter of order other than that it is the privilege of anybody to rise to his feet and move at any time that a certain hon. member be heard. That motion, as I understand it, is always accepted. But as there is no desire whatever to put the party of the hon. gentleman who has raised the point at a disadvantage, I may say that I would most likely have seen a Liberal member at this time if I had not seen the hon. member for Calgary South.

Mr. Green: As long as we understand it.

The Deputy Chairman: However, the matter is not a point of order. I answered the point because the hon. member who raised the question quite obviously thought that an injustice was being done to the party to which he belongs.

Mr. Johnston (Bow River): As a matter of information, it is a little difficult to hear and I should like to ask you, Mr. Chairman, if the acting leader of the Conservative party is now ruling out one of their own members from the right to speak?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Fleming: The government has already ruled out a great many by their infamous closure motion.

Mr. Nickle: Mr. Chairman, I trust that the time that has been devoted to the discussion of the point of order in the last two or three minutes will not be charged against the 20 minutes allotted to me. I rise to support this resolution providing for government assistance to get the trans-Canada pipe line project rolling this year. I support the plan not because I believe it to be the best solution but because the only other politically possible alternatives to it would involve more long delays, higher costs, a further denial of industrial and population growth particularly in western Canada, and a far heavier burden upon the whole Canadian economy than the present plan.

I deeply regret that some have chosen to inject various elements of emotionalism based largely upon inaccuracies of fact and also upon misunderstandings of the basic problems