

Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse):

That the Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants (Mr. Nowlan) be now heard.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Benjamin: The motion is not debatable.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I do not believe that motion can be put until the completion of the speech of one speaker and prior to the recognition of a second speaker.

Mr. Benjamin: That was me. I was recognized.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I must recognize that the motion is in order. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? All those in favour say “aye”.

Some Hon. Members: “Aye.”

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those against say “nye”.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion, the nays have it.

In view of the fact that only two Members have risen, I find the motion defeated. Motion (Mr. Benjamin) defeated.

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Your “ayes” rhyme with your “nyes”.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): No one asked for a division. Five Members did not rise.

Mr. Althouse: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. We thought you said the “ayes” had it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I said the nays had it. It is therefore—

Some Hon. Members: Re-do it!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I have already done it. I would like to recognize the Hon. Member for Charlevoix (Mr. Hamelin).

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It seems to me you must say to the House: “In my opinion, the nays have it”.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I already said the yeas and the nays. I do not think we should be playing with semantics on a Friday afternoon. I would like to recognize the Hon. Member for Charlevoix.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The whole purpose of my Bill is semantics and the proper use of semantics, the proper use of language—

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret to inform the Hon. Member that that is not a point of order.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order. I have made a decision.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It would appear that there has been some difficulty with the transmission of sound in the Chamber. This is perhaps a question of privilege. The sound which I heard when the Speaker announced the motion was either that the “nyes” had it or that the “ayes” had it. I am not sure which it was but it was unclear.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I did not say that. You might have misunderstood me but that is too bad. The Hon. Member for Charlevoix.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I concur with the thoughts of the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson). I too heard “nyes” and I was not clear as to—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is not a point of order. I have already ruled. I would like to call upon the next speaker, the Hon. Member for Charlevoix.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Charles Hamelin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, some Hon. Members may not be overjoyed at hearing a discussion on semantics, a subject so dear to the heart of the Hon. Pat Nowlan, and which has a number of dimensions that are relevant to this country’s official languages. To me, the word “Nouvelle-Écosse” has been a very real part of my vocabulary since my very early years, and when we were at school, “Nouvelle-Écosse” was a reality we knew. Of course, the Hon. Member, Pat Nowland, has this very interesting plan to use the latin word “Nova Scotia” and he is—

Mr. Prud’homme: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order. The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis is rising on a point of order.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Prud’homme: Mr. Speaker, I simply would like to remind the Hon. Member very gently, after all it is my birthday today—I hope you do not mind my saying so—but in any case, when referring to another member of this House, one does not use the Hon. Member’s name but one says: the Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley-Hants.