

Summer Recess

Some hon. Members: Dispense.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Does the hon. member rise on a point of order? The hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour).

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, it will be abundantly clear what kind of a charade is going on in here. The government does not want to hear us talk about the uranium matter.

Some hon. Members: Order!

An hon. Member: The motion has been put!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Whatever the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour) may chose to raise, one thing that the Chair cannot tolerate is the imputation of motives. I would ask the hon. member, if he has a point of order, to reach the point of order.

An hon. Member: The motion has been put!

Mr. Kilgour: If Your Honour is going to come in at 30 seconds after eight—

Some hon. Members: Order!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): For the second time, it is neither acceptable under the rules of the House that motives be imputed to hon. members anywhere in the House, nor is it acceptable that motives be imputed to the Speaker. The Speaker arrives at eight. If the hon. member has a point of order, I would ask him to get to it very quickly; otherwise, I shall read the motion.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, it is perfectly clear to everyone what is going on in here.

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, this side is obviously not in favour of the question being put, and we have other hon. members who wish to speak with respect to the motion. I am one of them. I would therefore wish to speak on the matter.

Mr. Collenette: On a point of order. Your Honour has read the question. Your Honour has put the motion, and it is incumbent upon the Chair to put the question. Your Honour recognized the fact that the hon. member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre) had the floor before five o'clock. He chose not to proceed. Your Honour then put the question. Your Honour is in the middle of putting the question, and I submit that Your Honour has no right to entertain any points of order. Your Honour must put the question forthwith.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Kilgour: I do not have to tell Your Honour that you know perfectly well that you have not put the question. Your Honour asked if you should dispense with reading, and at that point an hon. member stood up on a point of order. Obviously, my point of order is that we wish to continue this debate. The

question has not been put, and we wish—I wish, indeed, to continue the debate. If the premise of the hon. member for York East (Mr. Collenette), the parliamentary secretary, is that the question has been put, he has just admitted—it is patently obvious that the question has not been put. Therefore, any hon. member in this House, I think it goes without saying, has the right to speak, and I wish to—

An hon. Member: Question!

Mr. Kilgour: No, the hon. member cannot call for the question until the question is put. The question has not been put, and I wish to speak on the matter.

Mr. Taylor: On a point of order. Mr. Speaker, when the debate ended this afternoon, there was an hon. member speaking. When we started tonight, the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour) was on his feet. Consequently, he should have been recognized, to continue the debate. The hon. member was on his feet, and he was not recognized. Therefore, he has the right to speak.

An hon. Member: That is not true.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, again. Mr. Speaker has been consulting with the Clerk. Would Your Honour wish to continue that consultation before I speak to my point of order? I wish to speak on the motion, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The hon. member has risen on a point of order. I would ask that he address himself to the Chair on a point of order.

Mr. Kilgour: My point of order, as mentioned—well, I will wait until Your Honour is finished.

Some hon. Members: No, no!

Mr. Kilgour: I do not dance for you fellows!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Obviously, the Chair is faced with a difficulty. I need not go through all the procedural aspects of this operation. I can simply indicate that what has happened is as follows: I asked whether or not the House was ready for the question. There was an indication that it was, and I began to read the question. Somewhere during the first few seconds of reading the question, I indicated that I would ask whether or not the hon. members wished me to dispense with the reading of the question. Having done that, there was some indication that I should dispense.

Mr. Kilgour: Not from this side.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It makes no difference from which side the suggestion to dispense comes. What is important is that hon. members later have the opportunity, after the question is put, to determine whether or not they object to the procedure or, rather, whether they object to the question.