

no second motion to the same effect shall be made until after some intermediate proceeding has been had.

Well, we have been having an intermediate proceeding. We were examining Bill No. S-10 when the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre introduced his first motion. We are now discussing Bill No. C-3, brought forward by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Sharp). So when the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi moved his motion, it was another proceeding of the house.

Therefore, in the circumstances, inasmuch as everybody wants to end this sitting tonight and as this will lead nowhere, I think I should point out to you that the motion of the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi was moved on another proceeding, for the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre moved his motion at the time of the motion on Bill No. S-10, and the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi moved his on Bill No. C-3.

Therefore, in the circumstances, I suggest you cannot help but declare the motion of the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi in order and proper; it should be put to a vote immediately without debate, pursuant to the Standing Orders of the house that we all have at hand.

● (9:30 p.m.)

[English]

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I had understood that Your Honour had made a ruling that these remarks were not debatable. If that is the case, then I will take my seat at once, but if the argument put forward by the hon. member for Lapointe is to be heard, I would like to point out to Your Honour in respect of that argument that we were not permitted at seven o'clock to proceed to another matter. Therefore, there has been no intervening procedure because the time has been taken up with discussion about something that was not before the house at all.

Mr. Grégoire: We were back on the orders of the day at seven o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I should like to speak briefly to the question of privilege which is before the house tonight or which I understand—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have a point of order at the moment. As has been indicated to the hon. member, I have considered the circumstances and have considered the Standing Order.

Question of Privilege

Mr. Nugent: Mr. Speaker, I would like to be heard on a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the same one affecting Standing Order 25?

Mr. Nugent: It has to do with the business of the house.

Mr. Speaker: This is not a point of order which is being considered now. We are considering the point of order raised by the hon. member for Lapointe who, I appreciate, wanted to be helpful; but I wonder whether we have achieved this result. The only thing the Chair can say is, viewing the situation at this time and considering what was before the house, the Chair reached the decision that the motion could not be received.

I suggest to the hon. member that I could not change this decision at the moment and, unfortunately for him, according to the new rules, this cannot be appealed. I am sorry if a mistake was made, and I hope no mistake was made; but so many things have been going on that it was not clear to the Chair whether we were on a new order or whether there was an intermediate proceeding. I believe there was not, and this is the basis on which the ruling was made by the chair.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I understand that while I was out of the house for a few moments I was asked by the hon. member who raised this matter first this afternoon whether I would state my position and that of the government in respect of the matter as it has developed, and as it has developed during the day.

The house will recall, Mr. Speaker, that this afternoon I did make a proposal which I thought would enable the house to get on with the business of the house while this matter was discussed outside. This afternoon I suggested that Your Honour, the hon. member and I might discuss, and settle as best we could this very serious—and I believe I called it a very grave—matter while the house went on with the business on the order paper. That suggestion was not acceptable to the house, because the debate continued.

Since that time various suggestions have been made as to how this matter can be dealt with. So far as the government is concerned,