

Mr. Hales, seconded by Mr. Fairweather, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a form of internship program in the House of Commons; the purpose of the said program being to better equip outstanding young political scientists, journalists and law school faculty members, with a better understanding of the national legislative process; the participants to be brought to Ottawa for six to nine months of fulltime work as assistants to Members of the House of Commons and to be paid a minimum stipend financed by the government and an established foundation grant, competition for the fellowship to be made each year, announced to coincide with the opening of a session. (*Notice of Motion No. 30*).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

The House resumed consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill C-211, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to transfer to the Provinces the proportions of the income tax payable by certain public utility companies;

And the House continuing in Committee;

Objection being taken in Committee to a decision of the Chairman (Mr. Rinfret), and an appeal being made to Mr. Speaker;

Pursuant to Standing Order 59(4), Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Whereupon the Chairman reported as follows:

In Committee of the Whole when Clause 3 of Bill C-211 was being considered, the honourable Member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) proposed to move an amendment as follows:

That Sub-clause (1) of Clause 3 be amended by substituting a comma for the period at the end thereof and adding the following words:

“provided the province agrees that such amount will be applied to reduce rates paid by the customers of the respective designated corporations.”

The Chairman ruled to the effect that the proposed amendment went beyond the principle of the bill and introduced a provision which, in the opinion of the Chair, was irrelevant to and beyond the scope of the bill.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members will realize that the rules we have wrought for ourselves are not always too easy of application, and this applies particularly in the case of appeals that we have provided from the Chairman of Committees to the Speaker.

Honourable Members realize, I am sure, that the Chairman of Committees follows the work of the committees very closely. When an amendment is submitted to him he has before him at that very moment the different clauses of the bill. I feel—and this might be only *obiter*—that the Speaker should not be asked to substitute his personal judgment for that of the Chairman of Committees.