

that it has been noted by everyone in the country who is watching the television broadcast of our proceedings. The proceedings as reported in *Hansard* will amply show the remarks of the Hon. Member who put his claim forward with regard to the amendment.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. You yourself said that you had recognized me and that it was appropriate for me to seek unanimous consent having been recognized. There is absolutely no requirement on the Chair to recognize the Hon. Member for Vegreville ahead of me at any time. The Chair is entitled, under the Standing Orders, to recognize any Member he believes he saw first.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair has recognized the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain for purposes of concurrence with the proposals of the Minister, and the Chair is now recognizing the Hon. Member for Vegreville for purposes of moving motions, and will subsequently recognize the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain for purposes of moving motions. The Hon. Member for Vegreville.

Mr. Deans: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, first of all I want to thank Hon. Members of the House for their indulgence, and I particularly want to thank the Hon. Member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko)—

Mr. Deans: Point of order!

Mr. Hovdebo: He has a point of order!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain continues to rise on a point of order although he has had ample opportunity to be heard. It is difficult to imagine that he has a point that he has not yet made, but he has the opportunity of expressing himself.

Mr. Deans: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want you to tell me why it is that, having been recognized since you rose and indicated that I had been recognized and indicated not five minutes ago that I was entitled to move the motion, we are now having the rule changed because of the intervention of the Hon. Member for Yukon.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member please resume his seat? I am sure the Hon. Member, being a Member of some years' service and seniority in the House, will recognize that the Chair is in an impossible position—

Mr. Benjamin: Which you got yourself into.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) please retract his remark?

Mr. Benjamin: Retract what, Mr. Speaker? I did not have the floor.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There was an intervention made which was certainly reflecting upon the Chair. If the Hon. Member

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consistently makes remarks reflecting upon the Chair, he knows the difficult position in which he places the Chair with regard to the Hon. Member and future proceedings of the House. Does the Hon. Member for Regina West care to retract his words?

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, after hearing from my colleague, the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, and the Chair, I will be glad to retract the situation that the Chair allowed us to get into.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair appreciates the courtesy of the Hon. Member for Regina West. At this point, the Chair appeals to the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain. He has made his point concerning amendments that may or may not be forthcoming. He certainly has his rights as House Leader of a Party in this House, but the Chair at this point would like to recognize the Hon. Member for Vegreville for the purpose of putting motions, followed by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain for the same purpose.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I wish to thank Hon. Members of the House for their indulgence, and particularly the Hon. Member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko) who has offered his concurrence for the submission of the motions that both the Minister and I on behalf of my Party will be presenting. Essentially, Mr. Speaker, I seek the same concurrence as was granted to the Hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy), and there are three specific motions which I hope to be able to get unanimous consent to have inserted on the Order Paper. Regarding the fourth motion, I think there is a general disposition among all Members of the House to have it accepted, not only for debate but in principle as an addition to the Bill, which will resolve a problem with respect to the definition of the word "export".

The first motion I would like to present reads as follows:

That Bill C-155 be amended in Clause 43 by adding immediately after line 34 at page 24 the following:

"(3) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the rate a railway company may charge a shipper for the movement of grain for the period January 1, 1984 to July 31, 1986 shall not exceed the existing rates in effect on August 1, 1983."

By way of brief explanation, Mr. Speaker, that would have the effect of retaining the existing statutory freight rate as it now exists until July 31, 1986. That would be the period of time in which the review would take place to look at, among other things, the ability of the producers to pay the economic assessment and the impact upon individual producers and upon the agricultural community as a whole.

The second motion for which I would seek unanimous consent—

Mr. Nielsen: Put that one first.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Since the Hon. Member for Vegreville wants to follow the procedures of the House as we have agreed to, he might at least allow us to pass judgment on the motions one at a time.