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Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Would the hon. member allow one simple question? Would he outline what program he speaks of?

Mr. Hopkins: The Dosco program.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): But let us have the details of the program.

Mr. Hopkins: The hon. member can make his own speech later.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): On a point of order—

An hon. Member: Oh, no.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Cape Breton South on a point of order.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): I rise on a point of order to tell the committee that in referring to a Cape Breton matter the hon. member is speaking of something of which he has absolutely no knowledge.

Mr. Choquette: That is not a point of order.

An hon. Member: What is it?

Mr. Choquette: It is a stupidity.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Will the hon. member clarify the point of order for the Chair?

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): May we have some order, Mr. Chairman? I do not think an hon. member is allowed to speak from his seat. When I am on my feet making some remarks I think it behooves the Chair to ask other hon. members not to interject from their seats. The hon. member for Renfrew North was talking of something he knows absolutely nothing about. When he directs his remarks at what the hon. member for Swift Current—

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order, please. Actually the hon. member has no point of order. He is making an argumentative representation.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): The Chairman is jumping the gun. I have not arrived at my point of order. I was clarifying my remarks.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: The Chair would appreciate it if the hon. member would not keep him in suspense too long.

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Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Speaking of suspense, everyone is anxious to get the estimates through but the hon. member for Renfrew North has been speaking for the last 15 minutes and has not contributed anything to their passage.

The hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek spoke last night of a situation in Renfrew county. The hon. member for Renfrew North referred to the same situation, described the attitude of the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek as callous and also referred to the steel situation in Cape Breton. If he wants to discuss that matter he had better do some homework so he will know what is going on.

Mr. Hopkins: The hon. member for Cape Breton South is so far out in left field he cannot see the batter.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the hon. member is perfectly free to speak about Cape Breton as long as he can substantiate what he is saying. If he does not understand what he is saying he should consult someone who knows about the matter, and in this case I am not suggesting he go to the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. Hopkins: Before we hear any more suppositions I want to say that as a Canadian I am referring to programs elsewhere in Canada. Wherever problems are faced in Canada and people are in trouble my humanitarian instinct is on their side. I ask that the same consideration be given by hon. members opposite, and that consideration is not being extended by suggesting that a plant in my riding be closed.

Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South): On a question of privilege, at no time have I objected to government aid being given in Renfrew county or elsewhere. The hon. member should remove that implication from his remarks.

Mr. Hopkins: I did not imply anything like the hon. member suggests. I am only asking for Canadians to be interested in Canada. As a Canadian I support programs that are being implemented to help others in Canada. We must look after all Canadians in all regions, and I wish to make a few comments along these lines.

So far as I am concerned the people of my area deserve as much consideration as the people of other areas in Canada. As a