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clarify his position and make comments on my comments. I hope that my good friend, the House leader for the NDP, and the Social Credit party, perhaps, will add something to this very limited point of order.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, I have not received notice of this from the hon. member. As he indicated, it occurred to him just now. I thank him for it. What we are referring to under that section is section 38 under No. 41, and similarly under No. 37. However, I have another difficulty with it. Mr. Speaker has indicated that motion No. 27, which stands in my name as Minister of Manpower and Immigration, from a procedural point of view seems to go beyond the scope of Bill C-27.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We are all lost. Let's have the debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Shall we stand the clause, or continue with the debate?

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, this is very complicated. I do not mind going on with the debate, but I think we have to address ourselves to this particular matter. If the clause is beyond the competence of the minister to introduce, I am trying to figure out where we are with regard to job training and work sharing as the minister wants the employment thereunder to become involved with unemployment insurance; in other words, employment under job-creation and work-sharing. We are in a sort of mind-boggling mess right now. There is not much point in debating something if we are out of order in terms of the clause upon which the debate ensues.

Mr. Paproski: There are 11 bureaucrats up there; maybe they can help us.

Mr. Alexander: I do not want to talk about the bureaucrats. I know how hard they work. Many of us work hard with them. As a result of the minister and the bureaucrats bringing forth suggestions, we now have a much better bill. Of course, I do not want to take too much credit regarding the flexibility of it in terms of the 10 to 14 weeks.

I think the clause should be stood. There is no point in our discussing a clause which Mr. Speaker has ruled out of order. This places the minister in a very peculiar situation. If he does not get this clause, the employment which will ensue as a result of job-creation and work-sharing will not be able to be involved in unemployment insurance benefits. I know the minister would be very concerned.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I suggest to the hon. member that the confusion is being compounded. Perhaps I will add more to it. We are having reference made to Bill C-27, clause 27, and to motion No. 27. We are so mixed up that maybe we had better move on to something else. The hon. member talks about something being wrong in the bill because it refers to the wrong section. That, of course, gives us a reference, not to the bill but back to the act itself. I hope I am proving my point that we are so mixed up on the point that we had better move on to something else.

[Mr. Alexander.]

Mr. Cullen: As I said, Mr. Speaker, I had not received notice. I do not blame the hon. member for that. I realize that he is endeavouring to help in this regard. We are not talking about motion No. 27, but clause 27. As I understand it, there is nothing wrong with clause 27 of the bill. Sections 37 and 38 of clause 41 will become sections 37 and 38 in the bill.

Mr. Rodriguez: That's clear.

Mr. Alexander: That may be a fact, Mr. Speaker, but I wish the minister would direct his attention to the very first word in clause 27 of Bill C-27. Clause 27 refers to subsection 4(3)—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Of the act.

Mr. Alexander: Of the act. I say there is no such thing as subsection 4(3) of the act in terms of what the minister wants to do. I say that it is section 4(3) of the act. That is how it should read.

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Mr. Cullen: Section 4, subsection 3.

Mr. Alexander: Right. Section 4 of the act does spell out in detail subsection 1 and subsection 2, and then you have subsection 3 and that is under section 4 of the act. That is the amendment that is required.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I like these fine points, Mr. Speaker, and I like clearly to spell out these things. But if we do it in this clause, we shall have to do it in a dozen other places. Right below we find 29(1), "paragraph 16(1)(a) of the said act." Are we to change that to some subparagraph of the section? There is a certain drafting style which has been employed in the drafting of this bill, and if the hon. member wants to change it at one point we shall have to change it at other points as well. I still think we should move on to something else and let the officials look at it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Is it agreed that we allow motions 5 and 6 to stand and let the table officials go over the amendments?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Then we move on to motions 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 22, 29 and 30, together with motion 32 which seems to be a consequential amendment. It is my understanding this whole group is now before the House. I will put motion No. 7 in the name of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Cullen).

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration) moves motion No. 7:

That Bill C-27, an act to establish the Department of Employment and Immigration, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 and to amend certain other statutes in consequence thereof, be amended in clause 29 by striking out lines 8 to 10 at page 12 and substituting the following therefor: