

Standing Committees

Moreover, it is quite true that the status of a party as far as the allowances payable to the leader of a party are concerned—and the House itself passed the legislation and decided that to be entitled to a special allowance, the leader should have at least 11 members in his group excluding himself; that is, 12. However, I feel that it has nothing to do with our duties in the House as a recognized, registered national party.

It is in such capacity, Mr. Speaker, that we are asking to be allowed to name a representative to that committee. It would not hurt anyone, because we all agree that the matter is unimportant. We would then continue to work and bring our contribution to that committee and, strictly speaking, I do not think that it would hurt anyone.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if we consider that the motion is a basic one which could affect the status of our party, I think that we are going beyond the scope of the proposed amendment. In my opinion, the question should not even be raised. It is a mere technical matter and of course when we disagree, the question is then put. Such is democracy. This is why an election is held, because we do not share the same views.

When the members of this House disagree, they ask, of course, that the question be put. If we are not allowed to have a representative on that striking committee, the matter will be settled. As for other issues which could arise later, they will be dealt with in due course.

Mr. Speaker, I leave it to you to decide whether the motion is really in order and if we should deal with it right now or if you would rather wait to make a decision. We leave it to your discretion.

[English]

Hon. Walter Baker (President of the Privy Council and Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to prolong the discussion in the House, but I do say that there is here an important matter of principle at stake. The original motion was framed with that in mind. The hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (Mr. MacEachen) and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) have set out, I believe, the principles quite clearly. They do not need to be repeated. In that sense it is clear, as the government House leader, that I ought to indicate to the House that, based on the principle that is involved, we do not intend to support the amendment.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the amendment to the main motion. All those in favour of the amendment, please say yea.

• (1700)

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed, please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion, the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Roy (Beauce)), which was negated on the following division:

• (1710)

(Division No. 1)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allard
Cauette
Gauthier
(Roberval)

Lambert
(Bellechasse)
Peters

Roy
(Beauce)—6.

NAYS

Messrs.

Alexander
Andre
(Calgary Centre)
Appolloni
(Mrs.)
Atkey
Axworthy
Baker
(Nepean-Carleton)
Beattie
(Hamilton Mountain)
Beatty
(Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe)
Bégin (Miss)
Benjamin
Berger
Binks
Blaikie
Blais
Blaker
Blenkarn
Bockstael
Bosley
Bradley
Breau
Brisco
Broadbent
Bujold
Bussièrès
Caccia
Cameron
Campbell
(Sarnia)
Chenier
Chrétien
Clark
(Yellowhead)
Clarke
(Vancouver Quadra)
Comtois
Cook
Cooper
Corbett
Corbin
Corriveau
Cossitt
Cousineau
Crombie
Crosbie
(St. John's West)
Crosby
(Halifax West)
Crouse
Cyr
Darling
Daudlin
Dawson
De Bané
de Corneille
de Jong
Demers
Deniger
Desmarais
Dick
Dinsdale
Dion
(Portneuf)
Dionne
(Chicoutimi)

Dionne
(Northumberland-
Miramichi)

Dommm
Duclos
Dupont
Duquet
Elliott
Ellis
Elzinga
Epp
Evans
Faour
Fennell
Ferguson
Fish
Fleming
Flis
Forrestall
Foster
Fox
Fraleigh
Fraser
Fretz
Friesen
Froese
Fulton
Gamble
Gass
Gauthier
(Ottawa-Vanier)
Gendron
Gilchrist
Gourd
Grafftey
Graham
Gray
Greenaway
Guay
Guilbault
Gurbin
Gustafson
Haliburton
Halliday
Hamilton
(Qu'Appelle-Moose
Mountain)
Hamilton
(Swift Current-Maple
Creek)
Hargrave
Harquail
Hawkes
Hees
Herbert
Hervieux-Payette (Mrs.)
Higson
Hnatyshyn
Hogan
Holmes
Hopkins
Howie
Huntington
Isabelle
Ittinuar
Jarvis
(Willowdale)
Jarvis
(Perth)

Jewett (Miss)
Johnston
Jupp
Kaplan
Kempling
Kilgour
Killens (Mrs.)
King
Knowles
Korchinski
Kushner
Lachance
Lajoie
Lalonde
Lambert
(Edmonton West)
Lane
Lapierre
Lapointe
La Salle
Lawrence
LeBlanc
Leduc
Lefebvre
Lessard
Lewis
Loiselle
Lumley
MacDonald
(Egmont)
MacDonald (Miss)
(Kingston and the Islands)
MacDonald
(Cardigan)
MacEachen
MacKay
MacLaren
MacLellan
Malépart
Malone
Maltais
Marceau
Massé
Mayer
Mazankowski
McCain
McCauley
McCossan
McCuish
McDermid
McGrath
McKenzie
McKinley
McKinnon
McKnight
McLean
McMillan
McRae
Miller
Mitchell (Mrs.)
Munro
(Esquimalt-Saanich)
Munro
(Hamilton East)
Murphy
Murta
Neil
Nicholson (Miss)
Nickerson