

The second point I should like to make is that an amendment must stay within the four corners of a bill. On the question of relevancy it does seem to me that this amendment goes beyond the four corners of the bill. I have a great deal of sympathy for the argument presented by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council. He suggested that if indeed the amendment were permitted from a procedural standpoint what we would in effect be doing in this chamber is withdrawing the bill. The debate would then revolve around suggestions and proposals as to how we could attack the problem in different ways.

For these reasons I regretfully must indicate that in my opinion the amendment is not procedurally acceptable.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Pepin seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-262, An Act to support employment in Canada by mitigating the disruptive effect on Canadian industry of the imposition of foreign import surtaxes or other actions of a like effect be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Caouette, seconded by Mr. Fortin, proposed to moved in amendment thereto,—That Bill C-262 be now read a second time but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House the government should remove the 12% excise tax on goods manufactured in Canada.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I thank the honourable Member for Lotbinière for his remarks on the procedural aspect of the amendment moved by the honourable Member for Témiscamingue.

I must remind the honourable Member for Lotbinière that an amendment, even one moved in the form of a declaratory resolution, must nevertheless abide by the principle of relevancy. I take the liberty of quoting in that respect an excerpt from the 17th edition of May's Parliamentary Practice, on page 527. The principle of relevancy in an amendment governs every such motion. The amendment must "strictly relate to the bill which the House, by its order, has resolved upon considering"—

In other words, and even in the case of an amendment moved in the form of a declaratory resolution, as I said, the principle of relevancy still applies.

The alternative proposal submitted by the honourable Member for Témiscamingue seems to me to be worded in terms that go far beyond the scope of the bill or of the motion now before the House.

The honourable Member said so himself. This is an alternative proposal, suggesting another bill. Essentially, the honourable Member wishes to substitute his own bill

to that introduced by the government. In a sense, I think that he will himself recognize that the motion is not in order.

I regret having to render this decision.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Pepin, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, that Bill C-262, An Act to support employment in Canada by mitigating the disruptive effect on Canadian industry of the imposition of foreign import surtaxes or other actions of a like effect, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

And debate continuing;

(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Mr. Francis for Mr. Sullivan on the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Trudeau, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Summary of Orders in Council passed during the month of April, 1971.—(English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/354.

By Mr. Trudeau,—Summary of Orders in Council passed during the month of May, 1971.—(English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/355.

By Mr. Andras, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Revised Capital Budget of the National Capital Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, as approved by Order in Council P.C. 1971-1153, dated June 10, 1971.—(English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/182A.