Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation no doubt appeal, but I regard it as requiring me to rule upon something which took place-

Mr. Coldwell: If you feel that you may be wrong then rule in line with British tradition and give the benefit of the doubt to the minority.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Coldwell: You have got the rights with your majority. You can do everything that you wish.

Mr. Rowe: You fellows would not understand.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Kamloops-well, I thought the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar was addressing the Chair.

Mr. Coldwell: Somebody was addressing me from the other side and I was replying.

The Deputy Chairman: We are having a little difficulty reducing the report to writing. We seem to have too many drafts. I will read what I have here.

Mr. Fulton raised a point of order to the effect that the chairman was improperly in the chair since the order of the day for the house to go into committee on the said bill had not been read when Mr. Speaker was in the chair; and further, that only when the order of the day for the house to go into committee of the whole is read can the committee of the whole be resumed. The chairman ruled that he was not in a position to rule upon the regularity of any proceedings which took place when Mr. Speaker was in the chair.

Mr. Fulton: Would you care to add one phrase-

Some hon. Members: No.

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Fulton: —as to the point on which I asked you to rule, to the effect that in addition there is no order of reference or authority for this sitting of the committee.

The Deputy Chairman: Have we not got that clear? Is it not covered by the words, "and further, that only when the order of the day for the house to go into committee of the whole is read can the committee of the whole be resumed"?

Mr. Fulton: Oh well, it will not make any difference to the vote anyway.

The Deputy Chairman: From which Mr. Fulton appeals.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman of the committee made the following report:

In committee of the whole, when it was considering clause 4 of Bill No. 298, an act to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation,

[The Deputy Chairman.]

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Mr. Speaker put the question as follows:

In committee of the whole, when it was considering clause 4 Mr. Applewhaite reports that Mr. Fulton raised a point of order to the effect that the chairman was improperly in the chair since the order of the day for the house to go into committee on the said bill had not been read when Mr. Speaker was in the chair; and further that only when an order of the day for the house to go into committee of the whole is read can the committee of the whole be resumed. The chairman ruled that he was not in a position to rule upon the regularity of any proceeding which took place when Mr. Speaker was in the chair.

Whereupon Mr. Fulton appealed to the house

from the ruling of the Chair.

The house divided on the question: Shall the ruling of the chairman be confirmed? And the ruling was confirmed on the following division:

YEAS Messrs:

Gauthier (Portneuf) Anderson Ashbourne Gingras Batten Gingues Benidickson Goode Bennett Gourd (Chapleau) Blackmore Gregg Blanchette Habel Boisvert Boucher Hanna Bourget Hansell Bourque Hardie Breton Harris Brisson Harrison Brown (Essex West) Healy Bruneau Hellver Buchanan Henderson Henry Byrne Cameron (High Park) Hollingworth Campney Holowach Cannon Hosking Houck Caron Carrick Howe (Port Arthur) Huffman Carter Cauchon Hunter Cavers James Johnston (Bow River) Clark Cloutier Crestohl Kirk (Shelburne-Dechene Yarmouth-Clare) Laflamme Decore Lafontaine Demers Langlois (Berthier-Deschatelets Maskinonge-Deslieres Delanaudiere) Dickey Langlois (Gaspe) Dumas Lapointe Dupuis Lavigne Fairey Follwell Leduc (Gatineau) Leduc (Jacques Cartier-Fontaine Lasalle) Forgie Fraser (St. John's East) Lefrançois

Legare

Garland

Gauthier (Lake St. John) Lesage Gauthier (Nickel Belt) Lusby