

Western Grain Transportation Act

for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker) says a point of order.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Speaker, the Member has quoted my name when reading, and that is my point of order. I suggest he should have recognized me as the Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This has always been a difficult problem in the House when a committee report or document of the House is quoted in which a specific reference is made by name. The Chair is not prepared to recognize that as a point of order at this time. It is a grey area that creates problems for the Chair.

At this point the Chair would like to hear the rest of the statement of the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Flis), bearing in mind the admonition that his comments must be relevant to Motions No. 55 and No. 56.

Mr. Flis: Mr. Speaker, I am quoting from page 117:176 of the minutes of the Transport Committee. We spent all summer on this Bill. This is a direct quote from the minutes of the committee, and this mayor went on to say:

He has chosen to present in the House, on the other hand, petitions on behalf of two or three farming groups in the Province of Saskatchewan, rather than represent the position of his constituents.

Mr. Deans: A point of order.

Mr. Flis:

That is our concern, Mr. Chairman. We are therefore not at all assured by our member's representation—

Mr. Deans: A point of order.

Mr. Flis:

—that our view will be heard—

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Some Hon. Members: A point of order.

Mr. Deans: A point of order.

Mr. Flis:

—and that, Mr. Chairman, is why we are here today.

Meaning the mayors of B.C.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Deans: Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Deans: I certainly do, Mr. Speaker. You asked the Member to indicate the relevance of the minutes that he was quoting to the particular amendment we have before us. I now challenge the Member to indicate whether or not the mayor was specifically referring to the allocation of coal cars during that particular intervention. If he did not and if he was not, then I demand that the Member withdraw what he has said.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is not making any point other than that which the Chair has made. The Chair is trying carefully to follow the remarks of the Parliamentary Secretary in terms of relevance. The Chair can only do this if Hon. Members will at least give the Chair the opportunity of listening, just as Hon. Members extend to Members of the group at the far end the opportunity of speaking so that we can come to some understanding as to whether or not they are relevant.

There appears to be some reluctance to hear the Parliamentary Secretary. The Chair would like to hear a little more on the matter raised by the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain about relevance.

Mr. Waddell: Let him put it on the record.

Mr. Flis: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member from British Columbia was representing the views of British Columbians on this Bill and on any amendments or motions that pertain to any attempt to change this Bill or improve it.

Mr. Deans: He was not.

Mr. Flis: How relevant can you get? We heard the Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker) posing to represent the views of Canadians in British Columbia on this Bill and on all of the amendments that were discussed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do these relate to Motion No. 55 and Motion No. 56?

Mr. Flis: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am just remarking on the comments made by the Hon. Member on Motion No. 55 and Motion No. 56.

Mr. Deans: That is not true.

Mr. Flis: I am commenting on what he said. I will leave the minutes since this seems to have hit a soft spot.

Mr. Deans: No, it hasn't.

Mr. Flis: I will go on to quote a headline from letters to the editor in *The Daily Townsman* of Friday, June 10. It is under the heading—

Mr. Waddell: A point of order. He is out of order.

Mr. Anguish: A point of order.

Mr. Parker: A point of order.

Mr. Flis: It is under the heading "Parker's position on Crow Reflects outdated thought".

Mr. Waddell: Order.

Mr. Anguish: A point of order.

Mr. Deans: A point of order.

Mr. Flis: This is the problem with the position of the NDP.

Mr. Deans: A point of order.