

Standing Orders, precedents and practices of the House. That is the basis on which I have to make my decision.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, who introduced the point of order, has argued that Item No. 1, the notice of opposition in the name of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett), should take precedence over the motion in the name of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury). It seems to the Chair that in his argument the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre spelled out the distinctions on which I must base my ruling. He referred to Standing Order 58(4)(a), among others, and I will read the part referred to by the hon. member:

Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given of an opposition motion on an allotted day—

I want to emphasize this because it then reads:

—or of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates.

With respect, I think one must make this differentiation between a motion and a notice to oppose, because that is made quite clear in the Standing Order to which the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre referred. I would agree with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre if he could convince me that the notice of opposition standing in the name of the hon. member for Comox-Alberni is, in fact, a motion. In my respectful submission it is not a motion, and I think this is clear from the Standing Order to which I have referred. It is a notice of opposition and is not, in fact, a motion, and that is quite clear from the Standing Order.

The hon. member referred to page vii of *Routine Proceedings and Orders of the Day*, and we find that the heading there is "Opposed Items in the Estimates". Again referring to Standing Order 58(4)(a), in my respectful submission what the hon. member for Comox-Alberni has set down is a notice to oppose an item, not a motion.

In conclusion, because I think it would be helpful to go back to the history of the standing order, I might refer hon. members to *House of Commons Journals*, 1968-69 at page 429, being the report of the Special Committee on Procedure of the House, specifically the third report of the said committee. Then, turning to page 431 we find under paragraph (i) the following, and I will take a moment to read this:

The final decisions in relation to the main estimates of each department of government would be held over until the end of the third supply period so that the opportunity to debate any department would remain open throughout the session. A Member wishing to vote against an estimate would be required to give notice, and motions for the adoption of unopposed estimates could be consolidated into a single question.

Indeed, that is the situation we have before us. The hon. member for Comox-Alberni has given notice that he would like to oppose a particular item and vote against it. Having given that notice, the estimate is put in the form of a motion to the Chamber, at which time hon. members have the right to vote for or against it.

I make this ruling on what I think is the plain and clear meaning of the Standing Orders. If hon. members feel that the Standing Orders and our procedures are unfair, of course the remedy remains in the hands of hon. members. This is not something of which the Chair can take cognizance at this time. Therefore, with regret, I must rule

against the point of order of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

The question is on vote 1. All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Drury) which was agreed to on the following division:

Division

• (2220)

(Division No. 30)

YEAS

Messrs:

Allmand	Guilbault
Andras	Haidasz
Badanai	Hopkins
Barrett	Howard
Béchar	(Okanagan Boundary)
Benson	Hymmen
Blair	Jerome
Blouin	Kaplan
Borrie	Lachance
Boulanger	Lajoie
Breau	Lang (Saskatoon-
Buchanan	Humboldt)
Caccia	Langlois
Cafik	Laniel
Cantin	Leblanc (Laurier)
Chappell	LeBlanc (Rimouski)
Chrétien	Lefebvre
Clermont	Legault
Cobbe	Lessard
Comtois	(Lac-Saint-Jean)
Corriveau	L'Heureux
Côté (Richelieu)	Loiselle
Côté (Longueuil)	MacEachen
Cyr	MacGuigan
Danson	Mackasey
Davis	McBride
Deachman	Mahoney
Deakon	Marceau
De Bané	Marchand
Drury	(Langelier)
Dubé	Marchand
Dupras	(Kamloops-Cariboo)
Duquet	Morison
Éthier	Munro
Faulkner	O'Connell
Forest	Olson
Forget	Orange
Foster	Osler
Francis	Otto
Gendron	Ouellet
Gervais	Pepin
Gibson	Portelance
Gillespie	Prud'homme
Gray	Reid
Guay (St. Boniface)	Richard