

Ways and Means

Erskine May has perhaps indicated a way around this dilemma. At page 447 it says that doubtful cases may arise upon which the rules of the House are indistinct or obsolete or do not apply directly to the point at issue. I submit that such is the case at this point. It goes on to say that the Speaker will then usually give a ruling to cover the new circumstances, although he has on occasion referred the matter to the judgment of the House. Perhaps that would be the appropriate way to proceed now and simply refer this decision to the House itself.

Mr. Speaker: I have listened very carefully to the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and the further remarks of the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis). While the points made by the Hon. Member for Windsor West were delivered with force, it seems to me they amount to essentially the same point raised by the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap, and I remain of the view that it is premature for the Chair to rule.

The latter point that the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap makes I think can be met by the Chair making it very clear that I certainly do not think I am precluded from commenting on this at a later time. I think I have made it clear that if it is appropriate, I certainly will do so. I will not take the position, nor will I be persuaded to take the position, that I do not have a clear right as Speaker to consider the matter when I see the Bill.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS[*English*]**WAYS AND MEANS**

THE CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade) moved that a Ways and Means motion to implement the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, May 18, be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five Members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the Members.

The House divided on the motion, which was agreed to on the following division:

• (1210)

(Division No. 364)

YEAS

Members

Andre	Guilbault	Schellenberger
Belsher	(Drummond)	(Wetaskiwin)
Bernier	Hamilton	Scott
Bertrand	Hawkes	(Victoria—Haliburton)
Blackburn	Hnatyshyn	Scott
(Jonquière)	James	(Hamilton—Wentworth)
Blais	Jardine	Scowen
Blenkarn	Lawrence	Shields
Bradley	Layton	Siddon
Brightwell	Leblanc	Sparrow
Brisco	Lewis	Tardif
Browes	Lopez	(Charlesbourg)
Caldwell	MacDonald	Taylor
Clark	(Kingston and	Thacker
(Brandon—Souris)	the Islands)	Towers
Clifford	Malone	Tremblay
Coates	Mantha	(Québec-Est)
Comeau	Marin	Tupper
Cook	Mazankowski	Turner
Cooper	McCain	(Ottawa—Carleton)
Corbett	McCrossan	Vankoughnet
Cossitt	McCuish	Vincent
Crofton	McDermid	Warner
Daubney	McKinnon	Weiner
Della Noce	McKnight	White
Domm	Minaker	Wilson
Dorin	Nowlan	(Swift Current
Edwards	O'Neil	—Maple Creek)
Fennell	Peterson	Wise
Friesen	Plourde	Witer—84
Gagnon	Porter	
Gervais	Ricard	
Gormley	St. Germain	
Grisé		

NAYS

Members

Allmand	Gray	McDonald
Althouse	(Windsor West)	(Broadview—
Axworthy	Grondin	Greenwood)
Benjamin	Guilbault	Murphy
Berger	(Saint-Jacques)	Nystrom
Blaikie	Heap	Orlikow
Caccia	Henderson	Ouellet
Cassidy	Hopkins	Penner
Copps	Jewett	Rompkey
de Corneille	Kaplan	Rossi
Dingwall	Killens	Skelly
Finestone	Langdon	Young—39
Foster	Lapierre	
Gagliano	MacLellan	
Gauthier	Manly	
	McCurdy	

• (1240)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion carried.