

Member for Montreal—Ste-Marie really speaks for the sake of speaking. I have listened to him speak for hours in the House of Commons without taking one single note on his speech. I did not need take any because as usual, he said nothing worthwhile.

Mr. Rossi: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) on a point of order.

Mr. Rossi: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead (Mr. Gérin) is not dealing with the Bill concerned. Now, I would like to tell this honourable Assembly that there had been an agreement with the Hon. Member for Champlain (Mr. Champagne) on the order of speeches, and there was a consensus with the New Democratic Party, with the Hon. Member for Champlain and with the Liberal Party, Mr. Speaker. I therefore believe that when we have an agreement, a consensus in this honourable House, since—

Mr. Gérin: It is not a point of order.

Mr. Rossi: Yes it is, for there was a consensus, Mr. Speaker, the three Parties had reached an agreement, and we have been told at the last minute that this consensus no longer exists. The Hon. Member for the NDP who moved that motion was not in the House. I am therefore of the opinion that it would have been logical to wait for the Hon. NDP Member who moved the motion. I wish to say that I am not very happy with the procedure that was followed: A consensus of the three Parties was reached, and at the last minute, the Hon. Member for Champlain (Mr. Champagne) broke that consensus. You had actually been made aware of it, Mr. Speaker, and he had said he agreed with it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead (Mr. Gérin) on the same point of order.

Mr. Gérin: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is being most clever in his "clumsiness". I had started to speak, and he interrupted me on a point of order which was not a point of order. He interrupted me as I was in fact going to explain the position of the Government. I simply wanted to say, before giving the floor to my hon. colleague from the NDP who wants to make a presumably important speech, that he has the right to be heard before we take the division. I hope that will be possible before six o'clock, but before that, I wish to say again, Mr. Speaker, that we could indeed do without all those points of order by Liberal Members, whether it is the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) or the other Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi), who is well known for talking for the sake of talking while the other one says nothing worthwhile.

Mr. Speaker—

Parity Prices for Farm Products Act

Mr. Rossi: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry, but the Parliamentary Secretary who is in the House and with whom we often have to deal will tell you that indeed, when the three Parties have reached a consensus, they respect the agreement. I have been a Member for over eight years, the consensus has always been respected, and I regret to say that when the Hon. Member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead (Mr. Gérin) talks that way, the Hon. Member for Champlain—

Mr. Gérin: Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead—

Mr. Rossi: Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead, it does not matter where you come from, you are talking through your hat, and the attitude of the Hon. Member for Champlain (Mr. Champagne) in whom we had full confidence is the exact opposite of that of the Parliamentary Secretary who never fails to act like a gentleman when we have agreements in this House. And when there is a consensus in this Hon. House a Member does not do what has just been done and play games . . . There is a way to behave in this House and when there is a consensus we respect it.

Mr. Malépart: Point of order—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Champlain (Mr. Champagne) on a point of order.

Mr. Champagne (Champlain): On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) is indulging in a bit of demagoguery. First, under the agreement made with the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom)—that is who it is—my colleague from Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead was to seek the floor. That is precisely what he did, under the agreement—

Mr. Rossi: This is false, these are lies—

Mr. Champagne (Champlain): Second, the Hon. Member for Bourassa keeps on mumbling, but I would remind him that he is the one who came to sit with the NDP Member who is sponsoring the motion and said: Could my colleague from Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead speak first? We said: Sure, no problem, and the Member for Bourassa went to see you to tell you that my colleague should have the floor. So we know all about Liberal agreements, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Rossi: You said that; you are a liar—

Mr. Malépart: A point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Agreed. The Chair is always ready to recognize Members.

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I think it would be in everyone's interest if we got back to the debate. Whoever wants to speak can get up and we will identify them.