

*Dominion-Provincial Relations*

**Mr. Chevrier:**—and made by the Minister of Finance with the Canadian universities foundation.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Will the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Chevrier:** You can ask your question when I am through.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The hon. member was very quick to ask me questions.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Very well, go ahead.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Is it not clear to the hon. member from reading that provision that the agreement between the Minister of Finance and the Canadian universities foundation will have application only to those moneys that are paid over by the minister in pursuance of the legislation to the foundation and that does not include any provision for any province that is a prescribed province, a province which does not rent the corporate tax field to the federal government?

**Mr. Chevrier:** The minister had better amend his bill because that is not my understanding of it or he had better read the bill. The minister apparently does not understand his own bill because here is what it says:

"Prescribed province" means a province...

(i) that has not entered into a tax rental agreement...

(ii) in which, for that fiscal year, satisfactory arrangements exist in the opinion of the minister—

It is a unilateral deal.

—for the payment by the province directly to institutions of higher learning in the province, in accordance with and subject to terms and conditions not inconsistent with those contained—

In the agreement made between the minister and the Canadian universities foundation. I submit it could not be plainer than it is in this bill. That may not be the intention—

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** How can you misread the provision in that way?

**Mr. Chevrier:**—but there is no doubt that the significance of the definitions used up to now for the sole purpose of measuring grants will be completely changed because under this provision the provincial government will be bound in its dealings with the universities in the province. This means that when the provincial government makes annual grants available to the universities within the province it will have to accept the definition of "student"—

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, you were very generous with the hon. member in allowing a general discussion. It was about three quarters of an hour ago that he embarked on that, but his whole speech now is related to the details

of clause 2. We are just headed into endless repetition when we come to these clauses. Surely the hon. member must have some regard for the rules of the house. If he is going to discuss the details of clause 2, then in my respectful submission that can only be done when you call clause 2, Mr. Chairman. This is not general discussion at all. This is the most detailed kind of discussion of a clause that has not yet been called by the Chair.

**Mr. Chevrier:** On the point of order, I was interrupted three times, twice by the hon. member for Bellechasse and once by the Minister of Finance, and asked to give reasons why I made the statement earlier, and I was attempting to reply. The minister asked for it and now that he is getting it he raised an objection because he does not like the interpretation.

**The Chairman:** Order. We have been allowing time for the interruptions, but the hon. member's time has expired.

**An hon. Member:** Let him go ahead.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Thank you.

**The Chairman:** I may say I was beginning to worry about the discussion of clause 2 because it seemed to me that it was going a little beyond the rule allowing general debate on clause 1. In any event, as the hon. member's time has expired, I do not have to rule on that.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Would the committee allow me to complete the answer to the questions asked of me by some hon. members?

**Mr. Henderson:** Southern courtesy, yes.

**Mr. Chevrier:** The courtesy for which I am asking now I have many times extended to members on the other side of the house.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I am quite sure that the committee would wish to extend every courtesy to the hon. member who is speaking for his party. I can only ask, Mr. Chairman, that any general discussion which is permitted be general discussion or else discussion pertinent to the provisions of clause 1, and that detailed discussion of clause 2 be reserved until we reach clause 2. There will be ample opportunity for discussion of clause 2 then. There is no infringement of the hon. member's rights in proceedings as I am suggesting.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I thank the Minister of Finance for giving me the opportunity of continuing for a moment longer. I think the remainder of my remarks I could make on clause 2, but if I were able to make them now I would not have to make them on clause 2. I would, in order not to encroach