

prepared to debate a Private Member's motion. That is what they came here to do. They were not given notice of any other order until they received the Projected Order of Business in their mail some time before twelve o'clock today. That was the first indication those Members had that Bill C-155 and not the motion of the Hon. Member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe would be debated.

I say it is an abuse of the Standing Orders of this place for the Government House Leader to attempt to do what he has done; not with respect to me, because I had that notice, and not with respect, I presume, to the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, because he had that notice. But some of the rest of the Members had that notice. Therefore, being prepared, the Government having slipped up—I could be kinder to the Government than that—it is the doubts in the minds of some of the officials at the Table that have produced this problem, and I say that with respect to them too. But the reason we are not proceeding with something of which we had notice is because of what happened last night and today.

I contend, Sir, that the Government can only proceed with Bill C-155 today if it had given proper notice to all Members that it was the Government's intention to do so—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: the Hon. Member—

Mr. Nielsen: That is what Madam Speaker was asked on February 15, 1982, if you will hear me out, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has made his point. With due respect to the Hon. Member the Chair has listened to him for a considerable period of time this morning. I have recognized him on four occasions so far.

Mr. Nielsen: Only because you have interrupted me. It could have been once.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question which the Hon. Member seems not to accept, namely from the Chair is designed to clarify in the mind of the Chair the items before us. This is one which the Chair asks the Hon. Member to reconsider.

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What we face is a situation in which the motion by the Hon. Member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe, which was put on the Table after six o'clock last night, has been ruled by the Chair not to be in order. In the circumstances, the business of the House has been indicated by the Government House Leader under Standing Order 22 and it is the opinion of the Chair—

Mr. Gamble: A point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is the opinion of the Chair that the Government House Leader, according to Standing Order 22, has the right to indicate House business and that Orders of the Day be called at this point, as indicated by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Gamble: A point of order.

Point of Order—Mr. Nielsen

Mr. Nielsen: I have a question of privilege.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair is not prepared to entertain a series of dilatory motions whose object—and I call this to the attention of Hon. Members—is to impede the orderly flow of House of Commons business. This is something which Hon. Members might well wish to remember. They may well wish to remember my words of today, because circumstances could well change in this place and Hon. Members are creating precedents that they themselves might have to live with. That is something that they will have to be concerned about and answer to themselves.

At this point the Chair recognizes the points of order that have been raised. It has ruled on the points of order that have been raised. It is always the right of Hon. Members to raise points of order, but there is a point at which the Chair has to decide that the proceedings are dilatory, designed to impede the conduct of business of the House, and under such circumstances the Chair has to exercise some initiative. The Chair is calling the item of the day and on the Clerk to read the item.

Mr. Mayer: A point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: I have a question of privilege.

Mr. Mazankowski: I have a question of privilege.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will hear a point of privilege from the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski).

Mr. Nielsen: I have one too.

Mr. Mazankowski: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I hope that you will find my question of privilege not dilatory.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could interrupt the Hon. Member for Vegreville for a second, because my question of privilege has to do with the remarks of the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vegreville has the floor.

Mr. Nielsen: My question of privilege has to do with the remarks of the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vegreville has been recognized.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I would gladly defer my question of privilege and yield the floor to the Hon. Member for Yukon, but I want to reserve the right to raise my question of privilege because it is a very serious matter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yukon.

Mr. Nielsen: My question of privilege arises out of remarks made by the Chair. The Chair accused me of having risen four times. I point out to the Chair, with respect, that the only reason I had to rise four times was because I was interrupted by the Chair six times.