

Western Grain Transportation Act

Mr. Nielsen: I do. He has said so.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain has been recognized and the Chair has to concede that this is the case.

Mr. Nielsen: A point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yukon on a point of order.

Mr. Nielsen: I believe it would help us all, Mr. Speaker, if we reviewed briefly the sequence of events and the procedures which we are applying here. The Minister rose to put four proposals to the House and to seek seriatim the unanimous consent of the House to put each one of those four proposals. After each of those proposals were put, the Chair asked whether there was unanimous consent to put each of those four proposals. On each of those four occasions, the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) rose and gave the consent of his Party, which is Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in this place, and the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) rose and in each four cases gave his consent—

An Hon. Member: Oh, no.

Mr. Nielsen: Well, on two or three of them, perhaps not all. Nonetheless, that is the process in which we were involved. The Chair in that mode was asking for unanimous consent at the request of the Minister for placing his four proposals on the Order Paper. Now you cannot, when you rise to give consent at the request of the Chair to the Minister's proposals, then smuggle in amendments in the course of giving that consent. The job of this Party in the House is Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Any proposals to follow upon the Minister's, which are given first, naturally, by tradition, will be followed by proposals from Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, not from the little red rump down there.

Mr. Deans: Calm down.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: The splinter Party comes third.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In the interest of decorum in the House and the usual good humour which prevails at the beginning of a week, the Chair is respectfully asking the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain if he would perhaps concede that the Chair look to him for consent concerning the proposal of the Minister, and then allow the Hon. Member for Vegreville to move his motion, then recognize the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, who undoubtedly also will have some matters to raise. The Chair appeals to the Hon. Member to accept this—

Mr. Yurko: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair sees everyone, but I am sure the Hon. Member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko) will let the Speaker finish his remarks before he interrupts. The Chair appeals to Hon. Members to accept this, bearing in mind that it is not an easy thing to settle. The Chair is just

trying to exercise fair judgment. The Hon. Member for Edmonton East.

Mr. Yurko: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to bring to your attention that there is an Hon. Member sitting in this House as an independent whose permission must be obtained when unanimous consent of the House is asked. I notice that you had not made any reference to this Member at all in any of your previous remarks. I wanted to say to you, Mr. Speaker, that I am quite pleased to offer my consent to the four proposals put forth by the Minister before this House. I will be considering seriously offering my consent to the proposals put by the Hon. Member representing the Official Opposition, as well as the House Leader of the New Democratic Party, provided that I also have the opportunity to put forth an amendment and receive the unanimous consent of the House for such a motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair wishes to assure the Hon. Member for Edmonton East that his rights as an Hon. Member will be scrupulously respected in every way. The Chair assumes, not having heard to the contrary, that there was consent. The Hon. Member always has the right to rise and express his point of view.

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At this stage, the Chair would like to recognize the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) but the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) is on his feet. I will recognize the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain briefly and ask that he defer to the express wish of the Chair under these circumstances.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I had not finished my point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has risen on a point of order with regard to the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain.

Mr. Nielsen: I have not finished it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I think, with all due respect, we may be close to a solution, if the Chair is reading the situation correctly. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain has been recognized only for the purpose of giving his consent with respect to the remarks and the proposals of the Minister.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the dilemma in which you find yourself, Sir, and I can well understand why Members of the Official Opposition want to grab the floor away from me given that they want to move an amendment in which until this point in time they had expressed absolutely no interest, an amendment that we have been trying to move since April last, and I therefore propose to move it now. I would ask that—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No, the Chair is not recognizing the Hon. Member for the purpose of moving a motion at this time. The Hon. Member has, however, made his point. I am sure