

Mr. Burton: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton) on a point of order.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, my point of order has to do with the relevance of the very interesting remarks being made by the hon. member to the motion under consideration, which concerns whether or not certain documents should be made available to this House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will hear the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Guay) on the point of order, if he wishes to assist the Chair.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I am just coming to that point, Mr. Speaker. I am learning fast from opposition members and giving them some of their own back. You cannot sit here for as long as I have without at times acting as they do. May I continue?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I thought the hon. member for St. Boniface might want to speak to the point of order raised by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton). I have considerable sympathy for the point made by the hon. member for Regina East, but I understand the hon. member for St. Boniface is making preliminary or introductory remarks. I invite him to lead very quickly into the matter now before the chamber.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Thank you, Mr. Speaker—and this I will do. Keen fishermen and hunters will no doubt tell you that every year they have to travel a little farther in search of less abundant game in ever-increasing populated areas. Our natural parks guarantee the survival of our wildlife by protecting their natural habitats. Then, too, there are places where the tensions of city life can be forgotten, where nature can be enjoyed on a camping excursion or while fishing, exploring, canoeing, or what have you. Hunting is prohibited in our parks. Appropriate protective measures must be taken to create game sanctuaries at random points across the country, otherwise hunting may become a thing of the past.

Samples of our fauna and flora are needed for scientific purposes and to further our education and that of our children. We must also preserve the tourist appeal of our countryside and draw attention to certain areas of outstanding natural beauty which should be better known to everyone. This is what we are trying to do in our national parks. Also, in our national parks areas are left in their natural state to provide the perfect habitat for local fauna and to allow the species their liberty. They also provide visitors with the agreeable experience of seeing animals at liberty in their natural state. What is more, we have set aside areas of these natural sanctuaries for migratory birds. Such resources are of inestimable value for Canadians and tourists from other countries. Unfortunately, our national parks system is at present incomplete.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I do not like interrupting the hon. member or any hon. member, for that matter, but I have a responsibility to the chamber. May I re-read the motion which is before the House for consideration:

Proposed National Park

That an order of the House do issue for a copy of a description of the area which the federal government would like to see incorporated in the proposed second national park in Saskatchewan to be situated in the Val Marie-Killdeer area.

It seems to the Chair that the speech being made by the hon. member for St. Boniface is very helpful and useful in a general discussion of our national parks, and I am not in the least critical of it or of remarks made by other hon. members. But as occupant of the chair I have the responsibility to ask hon. members, in so far as it is possible for them to do so, to speak to the question before the House. I invite the hon. member for St. Boniface to do so, and I know he will.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I was coming to that point, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Burton: That is what you said the last time.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I will watch it this time, and I am glad you have brought it to my attention, Mr. Speaker. I am very concerned about the parks both in Saskatchewan and in Manitoba. In fact, I am so interested in a national park for Manitoba that I should like to address some remarks to that subject. I should like to refer to an article pertaining to this question, which I believe is relevant to the motion before the House, appearing in the *Winnipeg Free Press* for February 26, 1972. It is headed "Partly Right' on Park" and reads in part as follows:

Premier Ed Schreyer of Manitoba agreed Friday that he is no longer as interested in having a national park in the northern part of the province as when he was a member of the House of Commons for Selkirk.

The Premier was replying to an accusation by federal Northern Affairs Minister Jean Chrétien that Mr. Schreyer—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): This quotation does have a bearing, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I want the hon. member to continue, but I must once more say that the discussion of a park in Manitoba and the opinion of the Premier of Manitoba, or anybody else, on the question of the establishment of such a park is not relevant to the description of a proposed park in Saskatchewan. I know the hon. member is an experienced parliamentarian and that he will be able to tie these two matters together. I would invite him to indicate to the Chair the way in which his remarks are relevant to the motion.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Perhaps I should put it another way, Mr. Speaker. The Premier of Manitoba is not interested any more in having the federal government initiate a national park in Manitoba. I am very concerned about this and I think I should spell it out. If he is not interested, then I am. In speaking to this motion may I say I am interested in having a park in Saskatchewan and a park in Manitoba, to be immediately initiated by the federal government—and the sooner the better! If it had not been for the foresight of our forefathers, we would never have had our beautiful Banff national park. This is why I felt I needed to refer to this background before I referred to a park in Manitoba. The federal government, in co-opera-