

Today the Minister was giving notice and, without reflecting on the Chair whatsoever, the Standing Order does not provide for that being done on a point of order. Standing Order 82 from which the Chair read has nothing to do, with great respect, with the process we are embarked upon today.

● (1510)

**Madam Speaker:** I did not quote the Standing Order to the end but the Standing Order, as the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) has quite rightly said, exposes the three stages that are necessary in this particular procedure. It does not indicate that it may be done on a point of order, which does not necessarily mean that it cannot be done on a point of order. Therefore, the only restriction upon a Minister in such a case is that he should be standing in his or her place at a previous sitting of the House.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order on this question. The Speaker has indicated that the Minister can rise and give notice of a motion on a point of order. I would draw to the attention of the Speaker Citation 233—

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I have ruled on that.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Why don't you sit over there?

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I have ruled that this notice of motion is perfectly in order. I will have no more submissions on it. I have ruled.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Overrule then.

**Madam Speaker:** Therefore, Hon. Members will know that once the Chair has ruled, they may not comment on the ruling. If they want to challenge it, they know how to do that. There is a procedure for doing that.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is very clear that points of order are questions raised with the view of calling attention to any departure from the Standing Orders or the customary modes of proceeding in debate or in the conduct of legislative business and may be raised at virtually any time by any Member. That is Citation 233. To use a point of order in a manner which is not specified under Citation 233 is in itself a breach of the rules. If I did not know better, I would say the Speaker was taking her marching orders from the Government in this matter.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please.

**An Hon. Member:** Throw him out!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I am afraid I have to ask the Hon. Member, since he has said something which really reflects on the impartiality of the Speaker, to withdraw those words.

**Mr. De Bané:** Tell him to resign.

#### *Time Allocation*

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I believe the proceedings which have taken place so far are a mockery of this House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Withdraw.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. We are not discussing that now. The House may not proceed to any other kind of debate until the Hon. Member has withdrawn those words which reflect on the impartiality of the Speaker.

**Mr. Deans:** What words?

**Madam Speaker:** And as the Hon. Member knows, the House cannot function—

**Mr. Benjamin:** What words?

**Mr. Deans:** What words?

**Madam Speaker:** I will not repeat them because they are not supposed to be spoken in this House. I ask the Hon. Member to please withdraw the words that reflect on the Speaker's impartiality.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I stated very clearly that if I did not know better, I would say the Speaker was taking her marching orders from the Chair because of the abuse which seems to be taking place in this House. It is a shambles.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. "Marching orders from the Chair?" This time the Hon. Member is saying from the Chair. The last time the Hon. Member said from the Government. What exactly does the Hon. Member want to say?

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, let us be clear on what is taking place here. The Speaker is refusing to listen to a legitimate point of order. I said "if I did not know better", because I cannot imagine that the Speaker would seriously take her marching orders from the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy). If I did not know better, it would certainly have appeared to be the case that the Speaker had consulted with the Government and was taking her orders from the Government, because she is not listening—

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I have to ask the Hon. Member, and I plead with him to recognize for the proper functioning of this House, that he has gone far beyond what is acceptable in referring to the Chair. I would ask him to withdraw the words used the first time when he made an implication in precise words. His first intervention was quite clear and now he is muddling it up, but I want him to withdraw the words that he used the first time.