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Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent), I wish to say that an attempt was made well before the House started to vote, and our suggestion was turned down. Before considering his request, however, I would like to clear up the confusion about the vote on Vote 30 in the amount of \$43,500,000, Department of External Affairs.

The Chair asked for the unanimous consent of the House. We said yes, the New Democratic Party members say yes and the member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) seems to be saying that if we have to vote twice, we are going to vote twice. Perhaps he could say yes or no and if it is no, we can vote on that particular vote. Let us clear this up once and for all.

[*English*]

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, the leader of the New Democratic Party and his supporters may be perfectly willing to dispense in such an easy fashion with the last vestige of any control or order over the expenditures of the House of Commons. We are not. We are bound by the Standing Orders that were altered in 1969, to follow this ridiculous process—and I agree that it is ridiculous. Nonetheless, those were the changes that were forced down our throats at that time by closure by that government. We are not prepared to dispense so easily and cavalierly with this right of control over the public purse, which is the last function that the opposition has—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deans: Madam Speaker, I cannot allow that to pass. The facts of the matter are that we have already followed a practice not unlike this one in the past, and common sense tells us that where there is the opportunity to expedite the business of the House without forgoing any of the rights of Parliament, then common sense should prevail.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: May I ask the House again if the House gives its unanimous consent, as was suggested by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard), that the vote as recorded in the proportions recorded for credit L40 in the amount of \$299,100,000—that the proportion of the votes recorded be applied to vote 30, External Affairs, in the amount of \$43,500,000?

Mr. Nielsen: I say again, Madam Speaker, as I said before, that the vote recorded for vote L40 under the Department of External Affairs is 170 yeas and 100 nays. The vote that I have recorded for vote 30 under Department of External Affairs is 144 yeas and 126 nays, so of course we cannot consent.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Pinard: In the circumstances, Madam Speaker, because of this infantile behaviour and this inability to say a straightforward yes, I request a separate vote on Vote 30 in the amount of \$43,500,000.

[*English*]

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, the House leader of the Liberal Party and the Liberal government may regard Parliament as infantile—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Clark: We have faced his attempts to bulldoze democracy before. We did not stand down then and—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Clark: We will not allow the government House leader to treat this Parliament with that contempt.

Madam Speaker: The confusion comes from the fact that we are not sure that the vote recorded previously applied to Vote No. 30 in the amount of \$43,500,000. Therefore, we have simply decided that a vote as recorded previously applied to that one. We have not voted formally on this particular vote. Therefore, there is no problem for the Chair to put it to the House and we will have a separate vote on it.

Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Pinard, moves that Vote 30, in the amount of \$43,500,000 under the Department of External Affairs—

Some hon. Members: Out! Out!

Madam Speaker: Order. The Chair will again put the question to the House, is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: Out!

Madam Speaker: Order.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is everyone settled down?

Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Pinard, moves that Vote 30, in the amount of \$43,500,000—the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser).

Mr. Fraser: Madam Speaker, I have been trying with very great difficulty, as I am sure have all hon. members and the Chair, to follow these events tonight. But I do rise to point out to you, Madam Speaker, that what you are reading does not conform with the Order Paper of Monday, June 21, page XXII which says:

June 2, 1982—That Vote 30, in the amount of \$250,000—

I am wondering, Madam Speaker—

An hon. Member: We are on page XIX.

Mr. Fraser: Madam Speaker, someone says we are only exhibiting our ignorance. I have to say that most of the members, certainly the public, are now long lost, and I would