

Atlantic Development Board Act

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, while this question has been asked it has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member well knows that this question has been asked once or twice, if not three times, and if the minister wishes to reply he may. If he does not wish to reply he is not obliged to do so. There is no point of order.

Mr. Nasserden: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: If the hon. member has anything new to contribute, then of course I will hear him.

Mr. Nasserden: This is an urgent matter, as the crop year is about to end and the initial prices for grain for the new crop year will be set in the very near future.

Mr. Speaker: That may be very true, but what is the point of order?

Mr. Nasserden: The matter of urgency is the point of order that the Prime Minister should recognize.

Mr. Speaker: I think the question of urgency or lack of urgency is the responsibility of the minister.

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Prime Minister. Is it the intention of the government to introduce soon a new budget with the same Minister of Finance?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): That question is characteristic of the hon. gentleman's intelligence.

[Later:]

Hon. Paul Martineau (Pontiac-Temisamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Minister of Finance can give the house the assurance that the latest draft of his budget is the definitive one.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

(Translation):

TRANSPORT

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER—USE OF FRENCH IN
PILOTAGE MANOEUVRES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I had put a question to the Minister of Justice when he was Acting Prime Minister regarding a statement made by Mr. Burnside when he appeared before the royal commission on pilotage, to the effect that the seaway authorities had asked Ottawa that the French language be banned in pilotage manoeuvring—

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. There is no urgency in that question, even though it is a very important one.

(Translation):

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, last Friday I directed a question to the minister and I would ask him to supply me with an answer.

(Text):

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member will appreciate that he is asking, on the orders of the day—which is his right—not less than five, six or seven questions a day, and I must consider the rights of other hon. members in the house.

(Translation):

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, I raise a point of privilege. As a member of parliament, I have a right to ask any number of questions I feel appropriate as long as I do so in accordance with the standing orders.

Mr. Yvon Dupuis (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): As a member of parliament you have no right to act as an imbecile.

Mr. Pigeon: I do not have to take orders from anybody.

Mr. Speaker: on a point of privilege, may I be allowed to point out that the parliamentary secretary's remarks are out of order.

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Speaker, I said that a member of parliament had no right to act as an imbecile. If the hon. member feels the hat fits him, I am very sorry for him but he can wear it.

Mr. Pigeon: Mr. Speaker, again on a point of privilege, I feel that the language used by the hon. member is not in accordance with the traditions of the house and that any hon. member who uses such language is not worthy of sitting in this chamber.

(Text):

ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING MEMBERSHIP,
FUNDS, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-80, to amend the Atlantic Development Board Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Hon. H. J. Flemming (Victoria-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, before making any remarks I wonder whether the minister who is respon-