

Government Orders

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Mr. Manley: On the same point, Mr. Speaker, in addition to several amendments that my colleague from the NDP has brought into the House and shown us today, there is an additional amendment, which I understood had been properly filed yesterday. It did not appear in the Order Paper and I understand that likewise there is unanimous consent for the presentation of that motion at report stage as well.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The House is being asked to consider two motions, one presented by the hon. member for Thunder Bay—Atikokan and one by the hon. member for Ottawa South.

[*English*]

Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): So ordered.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): There is one motion on the notice paper for the report stage of Bill C-33, an act respecting the use of foreign ships and non-duty paid ships in the coasting trade.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 1, standing in the name of the hon. member for Ottawa South, will not be selected because it was already presented, debated and defeated in committee.

[*English*]

Mr. Manley: Mr. Speaker, I understand I cannot debate the ruling. However, in the spirit in which we are dealing with a number of motions today, I think this presents a very important issue which could well use some airing in the House of Commons and I would seek unanimous consent for the consideration of the motion as it appears on the Order Paper.

• (1030)

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I understand there have been a number of discussions back and forth among the three parties and I just want to ask the hon. member if he can assure me that part of those discussions was dealing with the very subject he is raising right now, in other

words, re-debate of an issue that was dealt with in committee.

Mr. Manley: No, by no means. In fact it only came to my attention this morning that this motion would be found out of order.

I must say I was surprised at the ruling because although the issue is the same, the period of time which we are seeking by this motion to impose as a waiting period in respect of the issuance of licences under the act is considerably reduced, and although it may be said that the substance is the same, that is like saying the substance of \$10 is the same as the substance of \$1 million. It makes quite a quantitative difference.

There is quite a large discrepancy between the time periods that were discussed in committee and those that are proposed in this motion.

The list of speakers who want to debate this is not long and I am suggesting to the government that it is a worth-while issue to be aired in the House and I am asking for their consent to do so. It was not the subject of previous discussion, however.

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, although I would concur with what my colleague, the member for Ottawa South has just said with regard to the specifics of his motion, I can tell the House that two of the motions that I have been discussing with the department and members of this House are, in fact, motions similar to those dealt with in committee.

In the spirit of the working relationship that we have developed over this particular bill, and basically it is a desire to make a good bill that much better, I would ask the government to give consideration to letting the member for Ottawa South move his motion. I do not intend to prolong debate on any of the motions that I see and I suspect that we will not in any way interfere with the timetable of the day.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to prolong this point of order. We are essentially negotiating on the floor now because of some of the confusion that happened earlier.

I want to indicate that there seems to be some common sense in the arguments that have been put forward. It is my understanding, and I just want to be clear on this, that what we would do is after the completion and the co-operation over report stage that we would then proceed to third reading. I would just ask that that be confirmed. If it is confirmed then I am more than happy to give the consent to proceed with thismo-