

from the cabinet, and give it to the public utility boards in each of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, which would look after the setting of their own rates for their own electric energy.

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I hope the Chair has had time to reflect favourably on the doubt that was expressed when this motion was first moved. I hope there is not a procedural problem here and that the motion can be put to the House. Even before that happens I hope this amendment would commend itself to the minister. The minister, by virtue of the direction of his own department—and that in effect means not his direction but that of his predecessor—has directed that legislation be placed on the books of ordinance of each of the territories to establish a public utilities board. What would be the purpose of doing this unless it were so that we could look after this kind of housekeeping problem ourselves, rather than clutter the already cluttered agenda of the cabinet and, I might add, of a cabinet that is cluttered up itself. Let us take this housekeeping problem away from the over-burdened cabinet and put it where it belongs, in the hands of the agency that was created by the minister to do this very job.

I hope the minister will rise right now and cut short the debate by telling us this will be done, and then we can consider the discussion on the bill at an end. If the minister goes along with this amendment, so far as we are concerned all the others will go by the board and we need not vote on anything tonight. This really is the only thing the people of the north are seeking.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. I want to refer to Mr. Speaker's decision of March 26 on this particular amendment, motion No. 4. It would appear that it is introducing a new and substantive provision into the bill. It is suggested that a new clause cannot be received if it is beyond the scope of the bill.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I wonder whether we might speak to the procedural point before a decision is made?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. If the hon. member would look at *May's* eighteenth edition, he would find it is stated that a new clause is out of order for many of the same reasons as an amendment and, in particular, will not be entertained if it is beyond the scope of the bill.

Further on page 508 of *May's* eighteenth edition it is stated that an amendment is out of order if it is irrelevant to the subject matter or beyond the scope of the bill. Again I wish to cite *Beauchesne's* fourth edition at page 285 where it is stated that amendments are out of order if they are irrelevant to the bill, or beyond its scope. For all these reasons the amendment cannot be accepted.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I say what I am about to say without any intention whatsoever of impugning the Chair and without any intention whatsoever of questioning the ruling that has been made by the Chair, but I regret very much that I and other members who may have wished to contribute to the debate on the procedural point were not invited to do so before the ruling was made. In

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making that statement I hasten to add that in all probability Your Honour overlooked the usual long standing procedure of the House.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Nielsen: I am trying to be as courteous as I can in making the point, Madam Speaker; but as I say, it has been a long standing procedure and practice in this House that members be called upon to make submissions on procedural points before decisions are taken by the Chair. I regret that was not done in this case, but I accept the ruling.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. The hon. member had a chance to make his procedural comments before the Chair entered the decision.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege. I notice that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mrs. Campagnolo) applauded that statement. There have been changes in the occupancy of the chair since this debate arose. I had carved out for myself a reservation that I would want to make a submission on this procedural point before the decision was made by the Chair. I accept the ruling. I regret only that I was prevented from making that submission before the ruling was made.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): The House will now proceed to the deferred division on motions Nos. 2 and 3.

Call in the members.

The House divided on Motion No. 2 (Mr. Nielsen) which was negated on the following division:

(Division No. 29)

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Messrs.

Alexander	Hamilton	McCleave
Alkenbrack	(Swift Current-	McKenzie
Baldwin	Maple Creek)	McKinley
Bawden	Hargrave	McKinnon
Beatty	Holmes	Munro
Brisco	Howie	(Esquimalt-Saanich)
Cadieu	Huntington	Murta
Caouette	Hurlburt	Neil
(Villeneuve)	Jarvis	Nielsen
Carter	Johnston	Oberle
Clark	Knowles	O'Sullivan
(Rocky Mountain)	(Norfolk-Haldimand)	Patterson
Clarke	Korchinski	Reynolds
(Vancouver Quadra)	Lambert	Roche
Crouse	(Bellechasse)	Rondeau
Darling	La Salle	Schellenberger
Dinsdale	MacDonald	Schumacher
Ellis	(Egmont)	Smith
Fairweather	MacDonald (Miss)	(Churchill)
Fraser	(Kingston and the	Stanfield
Friesen	Islands)	Stevens
Hamilton	MacLean	Towers
(Qu'Appelle-Moose	Malone	Whittaker
Mountain)	Masniuk	Wise
	McCain	Yewchuk—60.