

hearings of the Transport Committee when we spent the whole summer considering this legislation, or is it that he just wants to come in the middle of the night to make a speech and then go back to bed?

Mr. Deans: That was very, very clever.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Speaker, I assure you that I have no intention of going back to bed. I also want to answer his question. The fact of the matter is that I travelled with the Transport Committee across Canada in 1982 for over two and one-half weeks going to such places as Regina—

Mr. McKnight: Not 1982.

Mr. Parker: I said in 1982. We went to such places as Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Prince Rupert. That is where I spent my summer of 1982.

I want to say that I had full confidence in our Members that sat on that committee and I have been briefed on everything that took place.

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I had no intention of taking part in this debate on Motion No. 55 and Motion No. 56.

Mr. Deans: That is quite obvious.

Mr. Flis: But since the Hon. Member did take part in this debate specifically on these two amendments, I would like to take a few minutes to draw to the attention of the House what the committee heard when it was in British Columbia.

There was a group of mayors who appeared before the committee. One mayor, Mr. Colgur, had this to say and I would like to quote him. The Chairman said:

Yes, I think it is fair that you should have an opportunity to respond, Mayor Colgur.

MAYOR COLGUR: Mr. Chairman, I think it is necessary, because the member of the committee has distorted the question and the comment I made.

What I said, Mr. Chairman, is that our Member of Parliament, Sid Parker, has not fully represented our position. He has been—he has had representation made to him by all of the Mayors and Councils that you see sitting before you from the southeast today. He has chosen to present in the House, on the other hand, petitions on behalf of two or three farming groups—

Mr. Anguish: A point of order.

Mr. Flis:

—in the Province of Saskatchewan—

Mr. Anguish: A point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member resume his seat. The Chair was about to call the attention of the Parliamentary Secretary to the rule of relevance. Again, the Chair is having difficulty relating the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary's remarks to amendments No. 55 and No. 56 which are before the House.

Mr. Waddell: On a point of order.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member first allow the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to respond to the charge of being irrelevant which the Chair has made.

Mr. Flis: I think it is very relevant, Mr. Speaker, because it is important what constituents have to say on this Bill, and specifically Motion No. 55 and Motion No. 56.

Mr. Parker: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Flis: The mayor went on to say—

Mr. Parker: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Flis:

He has chosen to present in the House—

Mr. Anguish: A point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If the Hon. Member will be a little more polite, he will be recognized. The Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish).

Mr. Anguish: Mr. Speaker, I have been very patient and have tried to be as polite as I can with you this evening.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member resume his seat, please. I am quite prepared to recognize the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) on a point of order.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a similar point of order. I believe there is a parliamentary rule which says that we cannot question the right of a Member to represent his riding. I think this is not only irrelevant but it questions the fact of the Member representing the views of his constituents. That is unparliamentary and out of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is quoting a document. The Chair is trying to understand how the document relates to the debate. That is the first problem. If Hon. Members will just bear with the Chair, it will try to resolve that.

If relevance is not established, the same rules will apply to the Parliamentary Secretary as they will to any other Member of the House.

Mr. Parker: A point of order.

Mr. Flis: Mr. Speaker, all I am doing is quoting from the minutes of the committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member says that he is quoting from what?

Mr. Parker: A point of order.

Mr. Flis: From the minutes of the Transport Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is quoting from the minutes of the Committee on Transport. The Hon. Member