

believe it is important to place this in a broader context, that is, that we are fighting for the survival not only of a historically important symbol, but certainly for a system of transportation which is vital to thousands and thousands of prairie farmers.

It is important in that context, Mr. Speaker, to note—and I have just received this information which I am sure the House would be most interested to learn—that so far to date during the course of the debate on this important legislation there have been 102 interventions by Members of the New Democratic Party and 11 interventions by—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. That is not relevant, I must say, to the motion before the House. In reading the text of the motion, I find no reference whatsoever to what the Hon. Member is now bringing up. I would invite him to speak to Motions Nos. 39 and 40.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am just seeking your clarification. I take it you are suggesting that the 102 speeches by the New Democratic Party were not relevant.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): No, of course not. The point I am trying to make, and the invitation I extend to all Hon. Members, is to speak to the amendments and to make their remarks specifically relevant to the amendments. On a number of previous occasions I have asked Hon. Members for their co-operation. We are all experienced Members, and I trust we will abide by the rules and practices of the House in this instance once again.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, perhaps to save the time of the House I might ask unanimous consent that this document be appended to *Hansard*. It indicates that there were 61 speakers for the Conservative Party and 102 for the New Democratic Party. I see some indication that that consent might not be forthcoming, so I will return—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. The Hon. Member has reached the point of no return: his time has expired. Is the Hon. Member seeking to have his time extended? Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, I sit here quite patiently as an easterner listening to the poppycock and damn nonsense from Hon. Members who treat this House as if it were a play area. The distortions, Mr. Speaker, which have come from the distinguished and honourable—supposedly—gentleman to my left leave rational and sane people appalled. You have to sit there in the Chair. What in God's name would you do if you were a shut-in trying to get some entertainment and education and listening to that?

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An Hon. Member: Order!

An Hon. Member: Relevancy!

Mr. Forrestall: I want to draw to your attention—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but may I inquire if he has risen to make a speech or to make a point of order? Would he please inform the Chair?

Mr. Forrestall: Mr. Speaker, I thought I might bootleg four or five minutes. I rise on a point of order simply to correct the record. Participation from this side of the House with respect to this Bill when dealt with on second reading in principle tells an entirely different story than the story which the New Democratic Party would have the people of this country believe. In actual fact, at second reading debate in principle we had 108 participants from the Progressive Conservative Party, westerners, basically, who are concerned about the producers. The New Democratic Party had 68 participants. As of last night this Party had still put up more speakers on this very important legislation than the NDP have in the entire debate, notwithstanding the fact that it has wasted five days of this House on frivolity.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. That again is totally irrelevant to the matter which is now before the House. The Chair must admit, however, that certain statements having been made, it is only fair to give the opportunity of reply to the Hon. Members who feel under attack. However, I hope we will now let the matter rest and proceed with orderly debate. Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, in addressing Motions Nos. 39 and 40, I should first of all express my regrets that we were not able to listen to the easterly winds blow a little while longer. It was most edifying to those of us who have rather deep roots within the western part of the country, either directly related to the Prairies or certainly no more than one step removed.

It does bother me, Mr. Speaker, to hear some of my colleagues to the right exaggerate so profoundly some of the differences between the New Democratic Party and the Conservative Party on these amendments. I feel rather sorry for the people out there in television land who may be watching because they will be suffering from a misapprehension. In fact, what is going to happen, as I understand it, on these two Motions is that the New Democratic Party is going to be voting for Conservative Motion No. 39 and if the Conservative Party is to be believed, it is going to be voting for our Motion No. 40 if its Motion No. 39 does not pass. If that is the case, what is all the fuss all about?

I always enjoy, Mr. Speaker, listening to the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor). He is always colourful. I am not, of course, just referring to his jacket. He always makes colourful contributions to this House and he certainly did so on the occasion of his intervention in the debate on the matter now before us. I must question why he went so far out of his