Procedure and Organization

(English)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: Presenting Reports from standing and special committees. The hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Woolliams: Have you called motions Speaker—yet, sir?

Mr. Speaker: No. We are on the first item. The hon. member indicated he wished to rise and I thought he might want to rise on a question of privilege at this time.

Mr. Woolliams: No.

Mr. Speaker: We will get there some time perhaps, some day. Presenting reports from standing and special committees. Motions.

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MOTION TO HEAR MEMBER FOR CALGARY NORTH

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker-

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

• (2:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members will of course see the difficulty with which the Chair is faced and which, I might say, the Chair fully expected. The President of the Privy Council yesterday gave notice of his intention to move a motion today. The hon. member for Calgary North also rises for the purpose of moving a motion.

The Chair sees two members wanting to rise at the same time. If I recognize one, I think it would be at the discretion of hon. members to make the usual motion that another hon. member be heard. In view of the fact I have received notice of a motion to be moved by the President of the Privy Council, I do not see how I could in conscience not recognize him, at the same time recognizing the right of hon. members to make a motion that another hon. member be heard rather than the President of the Privy Council.

I find it difficult to see how I can rule otherwise. It may be that hon. members might want to state their views. At this point I would recognize the President of the Privy Council.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker-

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I gave notice yesterday—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Three hon. members have risen on points of order. I recognize the hon. member for Peace River.

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I move that the hon. member for Calgary North be now heard.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Before I put this motion, I understand that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre also has a point of order. I assume that the President of the Privy Council is also rising on a point of order.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): My point of order, Mr. Speaker, is with reference to Your Honour's statement that Your Honour had received notice yesterday from the President of the Privy Council and therefore felt obligated to give him precedence over the hon. member for Calgary North.

An hon. Member: It's too late now!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Someone said, "It's too late now". There is lots of time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, my point of order is this. If the President of the Privy Council is seeking to move on motions a motion for which notice was not required, then that notice has no effect and the two members come into the house at this point equally. That was why I had intended, if necessary, to move the same motion that was moved by the hon. member for Peace River. If, on the other hand, the minister is trying to move the motion of which he gave oral notice at five o'clock yesterday, I suggest it is out of order at this point and cannot be moved until immediately before the particular order has been called.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker-