

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether or not the Minister was reading from his motion. However, he did not read what I have in front of me. I wonder if it was simply an oversight or whether he was just giving us a sort of outline of what it contains. He made no mention, for example, of the fourth last line, "... and any product thereof processed in the Western Division." He spoke only of the grain. I am concerned that perhaps he had overlooked it inadvertently.

Mr. Axworthy: It would only be as a result of my failing eyesight, having examined these amendments many times in the past. It was simply an oversight. Line 6 should read:

—and any product thereof processed in the Western Division—

Therefore, with unanimous consent given to these four sets of amendments, Mr. Speaker, we would be very pleased to have the opportunity to consider them at a future date.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my Party, I will certainly agree, particularly to the last one since I have the expert on the definition of grain sitting at my side, the Hon. Member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans).

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, we also give unanimous consent. While I am on my feet, we also have some amendments for which we would like to seek consent.

Mr. Mazankowski: A point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Official Opposition has the right of presenting its proposed motions at this particular time. I was simply granting unanimous concurrence from our point of view.

Mr. Nielsen: That is all the Chair was asking for.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With all due respect to the—

Mr. Mazankowski: That is all the Chair was asking for at that point in time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair tries to proceed with the best judgment in the circumstances. The Chair did recognize the Hon. Member for Vegreville for whatever purpose he desired to be recognized—

Mr. Nielsen: Consent. It was for consent.

Mr. Mazankowski: Further to the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I did indicate at the very outset that we would be advancing similar motions and expecting the same concurrence. And the Minister stood in his place and agreed with that. I believe there are traditions, conventions and customs in this House. We found that out on a couple of occasions during the course of this debate. I believe, with all due respect, Mr.

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Speaker, that I have the right to present the motions on behalf of my Party at this time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I had the floor, if I recall correctly, and I—

Mr. Nielsen: Only for giving consent.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is perfectly right. However, both Hon. Members concerned, who are reasonable men, will recognize the position of the Chair. The Chair recognized the Hon. Member for Vegreville and presumably recognized in the same spirit the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is technically right in stating he has the floor. There is no dispute about that. However, I suggest that perhaps the Hon. Member for Vegreville should be recognized to present his motions, then the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, because the expectation, whether rightly or wrongly, was that both sides were indicating their formal concurrence with the position of the Minister, and the Chair did assume that there would be a normal sequential presentation of amendments.

If the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain wishes to press his point, he will recognize the very difficult position in which he places the Chair. The Chair cannot be a Solomon and please everyone. It can only attempt to dispense the best judgment in the circumstances.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: We know what they think of the Chair. The way they treat the Chair, they should not even be recognized.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I ask the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain to defer and let the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) present his amendments. The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain was recognized and he is on his feet again.

Mr. Nielsen: Point of order—

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker. I seek the unanimous consent of the House to—

Mr. Nielsen: I have a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: May I hear the Hon. Member—

Mr. Nielsen: I have a point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yukon no doubt has a point of order. In the circumstances, I would like to hear just what the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is proposing briefly, then I will hear the Hon. Member for Yukon.

Mr. Nielsen: He is proposing a motion. I have a point of order before he proposes it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I do not know whether he is or not.