

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I think that the Hon. Member will want to read the "blues", think it over, re-read the procedure book and he will realize that whatever has been done was done in all fairness and in accordance with all the rules of the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I see that the Hon. Member for Comox—Powell River (Mr. Skelly) is now seeking the floor. I will now listen to him.

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Madam Speaker, I imagine that we have now moved on to discussion of the present proposition before us. I would assume that the term "all fairness" from the Chair certainly referred only to the rules and not to the kind of activity of the Conservative Government across the floor. The Bill—

**Mr. Crosbie:** Sit down, turkey!

**Mr. Skelly:**—that is before us here is certainly a matter that is very characteristic of this organization. The organization that it is proposing to support in this legislation is one that has attempted to propose Conservative philosophy on developing nations. There are a great many people in the Opposition who would like to—

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** If I may, there is also a second point which I would like to bring to the attention of Hon. Members.

The Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre was saying that I should not have allowed Bill C-126 to be brought forward at this time. When I look at the *Projected Order of Business* I see that Bill C-126 is listed as a possible Bill to be studied today.

Further, Standing Order 22(2) states:

Government Orders shall be called and considered in such sequence as the government determines.

Therefore, this time—

**Mr. Fulton:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order—

**Mr. Malone:** She is ruling on a point of order.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):**—resuming debate on Bill C-126.

**Mr. Fulton:** A point of order, Madam Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Chair recognizes the Hon. Member for Skeena on a point of order.

**Mr. Fulton:** Madam Speaker, I would like to seek some clarification. We were hearing witnesses at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development when the first bell went. The Clerk of the committee phoned here to the Chamber and learned that it was simply a quorum bell. When the bell resumed ringing, a

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second call was made from the committee. We were told that there would be a recorded vote taken at 5.45 p.m.

I seek clarification as to what went on with the second bell.

**Mr. Mantha:** It's not true.

**Mr. Fulton:** If people from committees are going to phone and seek information from the Chamber on votes, then there has to be some clarification available to those committees that are hearing witnesses.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Fulton:** I know Government Members do not particularly care about aboriginal people, or anything else, Madam Speaker.

**Mr. Andre:** It is you we do not care about.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I will try very succinctly to tell the Hon. Member what happened, as the Hon. Member said that he was in committee.

There was a first bell for a quorum count. Once a quorum was re-established the Hon. Member who had the floor asked that the question be put. The question was put. The bell then rang to call in Hon. Members for a vote.

Subsequently, the Government Whip asked for the vote to be delayed until 6 p.m. We then called Government Orders, which is now the point that we are at.

Resuming debate on Bill C-126. The Hon. Member for Comox—Powell River on debate.

**Mr. Skelly:** Madam Speaker, when I thought I had been recognized to speak on the Bill I found that we had continued on into further justifications of the ruling on the point of order. What I would ask of the Chair is, since there was a bit of confusion on the part of my colleagues and other Members of the House, that my time in this particular debate would commence—

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**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I am now recognizing the Hon. Member for debate on Bill C-126. He will have all the time that is normally allotted to him.

**Mr. Skelly:** Madam Speaker, as the din begins to subside in here, the matter before the House is certainly an extremely important one. A number of members of the Opposition have spoken on this Bill from a very informed point of view about the damage that has been put in place in various developing nations by the operation of the International Monetary Fund. Some speakers on this side of the House have prepared long and hard for this particular piece of legislation, and the Government's attempt to ram the Bill through without allowing a fair hearing is grossly unfair and characteristic of the Government in this particular phase of the operation of Parliament. At any rate, it was brought out in debate that