

Western Grain Transportation Act

be voted on separately and an affirmative vote on Motion No. 25 would also dispose of Motions Nos. 26 and 27. However, a negative vote on Motion No. 25 would require further voting on Motion No.—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I would like the Hon. Member to tell me exactly what he wants the Chair to understand. We know all of this. We have been through the consequences of adopting one motion or another motion which stands on the Order Paper. The Hon. Member needs not repeat that.

I am just wondering if the Hon. Member is referring to the ruling of the Chair made when the Deputy Speaker was in the Chair. If he is doing so, he knows that that ruling has been made and that he has been asked consistently by those who were in the chair at the time not to come back before the House with that particular problem because, in the view of the Chair, that problem has been solved.

It appears to me that if the Hon. Member wants his Motion No. 25 to be debated now when, as a consequence of what was voted upon in the House, that motion is supposed to be redundant, which it is, I cannot allow the Hon. Member to discuss that. When a vote was taken on Motion No. 26 the Hon. Member had all the liberty in the world to vote against it, which he did not. He therefore seems to have expressed his view that he was in favour of Motion No. 26 and, as a consequence of Motion No. 26 having been voted, Motion No. 25 is redundant.

● (1620)

I will not hear any more from the Hon. Member on this particular point.

The Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin).

Mr. Benjamin: Not on this particular point, Madam Speaker. I want to draw attention to a preliminary ruling of Madam Speaker, the first one put out in which she dealt with Motions Nos. 24 to 29, leaving out Motion No. 28. I have been seeking the guidance of the Chair. I am not sure whether I have a question of privilege or a point of order. The House decided on Friday last—and I should like to quote what the House decided—prior to the ruling of the Chair—I am seeking the Chair's advice on what recourse I have.

As reported at page 27600 of *Hansard*, the Deputy Speaker said:

I call the attention of the Hon. Member for Regina West to the fact that he apparently has spoken in the course of this debate and cannot be recognized again—

As reported on the same page, I said:

Mr. Speaker, I rose on a point of order. The Minister asked for the guidance of the Chair.

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member will not go on in this vague and confused way. The Chair is obviously confused and has no idea what the Hon. Member is talking about. I want him to tell me clearly if he has a point of order. I should like him to decide in his mind whether he has a point of order or a

question of privilege. I cannot determine that for him. He can then rise and make his point, but rising and making a speech which the Chair is absolutely unable to understand will not be allowed at this point.

Mr. Benjamin: Madam Speaker, I will quote the record of the House and ask for your guidance since your advisers did not bother to read *Hansard*. At page 27600, in the right-hand column, one-third of the way down, this appears:

MR. BENJAMIN: Mr. Speaker, I take it, then, that the Government is prepared to accept Motions Nos. 26 and 27, which are the same as the original wording of the Bill. Can I take it, then, that now he would bring in his consequential amendments to Motions Nos. 26 and 27 but that—

Madam Speaker, I wish you would stay.

—Motions Nos. 24, 25 and 29—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The record of *Hansard* will show that the Hon. Member has had extraordinary opportunities to raise this point of order. Having been the last occupant of the Chair to deal with the matter, I indicated at that time that the speakership and the Chair are indivisible in the House of Commons. I also indicated that the person who occupied the Chair when the ruling was made, the Deputy Speaker, ruled this point of order out of order.

I took a great deal of time to offer the Hon. Member opportunities for discussion behind the curtain in order that he might achieve what he wants to achieve.

I also took considerable time to indicate to the Hon. Member that no further consideration of this point of order would be given from the Chair in a procedural sense. I offered him the opportunity that he might like to take the benefit of advice from Table officers who might assist him. I went even further and suggested to him that he might consider some discussion with other Members of the House in order that he might make his point on this particular motion.

This point of order is now closed; it was closed the day before yesterday and it will continue to be closed. I will not recognize the Hon. Member on that point again. Debate please—and not the Hon. Member for Regina West under any circumstances.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, on a different point of order—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): On a different point of order?

Mr. Benjamin: Since the Chair—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I left the Chair for a few seconds in order to let the Acting Speaker, who dealt with this matter and who knew the exact sequence of events and could relate to the exact words of that particular non-debate, take over.

As the Acting Speaker has said, that matter is closed. I will now recognize the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski).

Mr. Benjamin: A point of order. It is not closed.