

Prices Committee

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Caouette	Matthews (Kootenay East)
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Castleden	Merritt
Church	Miller
Daniel	Moore
Diefenbaker	Murphy
Drope	Nicholson
Fair	Pearkes
Ferguson	Probe
Fleming	Quelch
Fraser	Robinson (Bruce)
Fulton	Ross (St. Paul's)
Gillis	Ross (Souris)
Graydon	Senn
Green	Skey
Hansell	Smith (Calgary West)
Harkness	Stanfield
Harris (Danforth)	Stephenson
Hazen	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Henderson	Stokes
Herridge	Strum, Mrs.
Hlynka	Thatcher
Hodgson	Timmins
Irvine	Townley-Smith
Jackman	Tustin
Jaenicke	Webb
Johnston	White (Hastings- Peterborough)
Kidd	White (Middlesex East)
Knight	Wright
Knowles	Zaplitny—90.
Kuhl	
Lennard	
Lockhart	
Low	
McCuaig	
McCullough (Assini- boia)	

Mr. BLANCHETTE: I was paired with the hon. member for Stanstead (Mr. Hackett). Had I voted, I would have voted to sustain your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. COTE (St. Johns-Iberville-Napierville): I was paired with the hon. member for Grey North (Mr. Case). Had I voted, I would have voted to sustain the ruling of the Speaker.

Mr. HATFIELD: I was paired with the hon. member for Three Rivers (Mr. Gariepy). Had I voted, I would have voted against your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McLURE: I was paired with the hon. member for Beauce (Mr. Dionne), Mr. Speaker. Had I voted, I would have voted against your ruling.

Mr. HEON: I am permanently paired with the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm (Mr. Lapalme), Mr. Speaker. Had I voted I would, with great regret have voted against your decision.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Mr. Speaker, if it is any consolation to hon. gentlemen [Mr. Speaker.]

opposite I would say to them at once that, being most anxious to see this committee appointed as soon as possible, I promise I will not take up too much more of the time of the house this afternoon. So I hope that without its being found necessary on my part to raise any question of privilege or point of order I may be permitted to continue my remarks without being interrupted too freely from the other side of the house.

Obviously, having regard to the amount of talk—if that is not an unparliamentary expression—to which we have been obliged to listen for the last week, I cannot attempt in a short time to do more than give illustrations of the sort of argument that has been presented by hon. gentlemen opposite, and to which I am expected to reply.

In the first place, I would say that in following the debate I have not been able to discover anything that was too small for hon. gentlemen opposite to take exception to; and, after saying that, may I make the further assertion that I cannot think of anything they have brought forward thus far as to which, if we had brought it forward, they would not have found an equal amount of argument to present on the opposite side. They were determined at all costs to make it as difficult as possible to have this committee appointed. They were determined to make a display before the country of several days of obstruction of the government to have it appear that the measure the government was bringing forward was not in the public interest.

As an illustration of what I have said about nothing being too small, let me direct attention to the first clause in the motion I presented for the appointment of the committee which reads:

(a) the causes of the recent rise in the cost of living.

That word "recent" has been just too much for hon. gentleman opposite. They had to take exception to it. I was astonished at the number of members who did so, and particularly at some of those who took that exception. When this house reassembled at the beginning of the new year, my hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken) rose in his place and said, as reported at page 543 of *Hansard* for this year:

... I wish to move, seconded by the hon. member for Muskoka-Ontario (Mr. Macdonnell) the adjournment of the house under standing order 31, for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the sudden and unprecedented rise in the cost of living.