

though the senator who moved the adjournment does not wish to speak.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Honourable senators, I had not intended to take part in this discussion, but it seems to me that Senator Grosart's observations do call for some recognition.

I have no difficulty in understanding what Senator McIlraith intended yesterday, when he asked in these words:

For that reason, I ask that the order stand, and I expect to ask the forbearance of honourable senators when it is called again to have it stand until we know better what is happening with the bill before the other place.

These words clearly indicate what Senator McIlraith had in mind and what his attitude with regard to the primacy of his position in this matter was.

I am sure that if anyone had said to him yesterday, "Well, notwithstanding the fact that the motion is in your name and notwithstanding the fact that you are asking that it stand further, in view of the fact that I wish to speak, will you give way?", he would have given way.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** No, no.

**Hon. Mr. Grosart:** What happens if he does not?

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** May I just finish? I think the practice in all our debates since I have been here is that when a motion is standing or when a matter is standing in the name of a particular senator and is called, if he is not ready to go on and another senator wishes to speak, the senator in whose name the matter stands always gives way to the person who would like to take part in the debate. I do not think that any of us are under any misapprehension on this point. Surely that has been our practice. Surely it does not require a formal ruling.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Why not?

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Surely we all recognize that that is the rule. And Senator McIlraith, who himself is no mean authority on procedure, even though it may be in another place, would, I am sure, be the first to understand this. He was trying clearly to indicate why he thought that he should not go on in view of the fact that another bill on this matter was before the other house in one of its committees and that he would prefer to deal with the matter before this house—

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** And nobody else should go on?

**Hon. Mr. Martin:**—only after—

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Nobody should?

**Hon. Mr. Martin:**—only after that matter in the other place had been disposed of. But not that nobody else should.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Oh, sure! Read the rest of what he said.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** I have read it.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** No, you did not read it.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Well, my honourable friend says that, no, I did not. He knows what I have done better than I know myself what I have done, obviously.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** Oh, come on!

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** That is easy for you to say.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** But it is clear that if someone said today to Senator McIlraith, in whose name this motion still stands, "I would like to speak on the bill standing in the name of Senator John Macdonald," there is no doubt that Senator McIlraith would give way, as we all would.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** What if he says no?

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Under our practice he must—

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**Hon. Mr. Martin:** If I may finish—

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** What if he says no? You are getting away from the question. We are asking for a ruling in the event that in a similar case the senator would not yield. Here you are going around in circles, telling us how nice the senators should be and how nice you think they will be in such an event. I would like you to bring your argument to bear on item 9.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** I would like to finish, if I may.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** Yes, but before you finish, look at item No. 9 on the Orders of the Day. That has been going on for some time now.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** I have allowed Senator Choquette to intervene by way of a question but not to comment. However, I do not object. I am sure I have stated the situation correctly.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** No, you have not.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** No!

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** If there is any honourable senator who wishes to speak on the bill standing in the name of Senator John Macdonald, that is his privilege and he has the right to ask that he be allowed to do so now. I would think, personally, for the reason Senator McIlraith gave, that that would not be a wise course—

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Oh, oh!

**Hon. Mr. Martin:**—in view of the importance of the measure covered by this bill and in view of the importance of the measure covered by the bill which is now in the other place and which ultimately will come to us. So there is no real confusion here.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** It was done before you started to speak.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Will my honourable friend allow me to continue? He continually, he persistently interrupts. He never gives anyone a chance.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** I am trying to keep you on the track.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** There he is again! This motion is in the name of Senator McIlraith. If anyone wishes to speak on it now, then, in my judgment, it is quite clear that he would have the right to do so, and the senator should yield. As to whether this would be a wise course, or not, that is another matter. I do not think there is any difficulty; I think we all understand the practice very well. Certainly there was no intention on Senator McIlraith's part to hold up—

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**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Why do you speak for Senator McIlraith? He can speak for himself.