

Speaker's Rulings and Statements – (Continued)*Debate, Allocation of Time:*

A point of order was raised by Mr. Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre) on a motion for allocation of time on Bill C-243 (Canadian Forces Reorganization), that notice of motion should have been printed on the Order Paper, 1739. Mr. Speaker ruled point of order not well taken as provisional S.O. 15-A suspends provisions of S.O. 41, 1739-40.

Divisions, Recorded:

On a point of order raised as to the propriety of the taking of the preceding division, Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not for the Chair to decide whether members calling for a recorded division were among those who said "yea" or "nay", and suggested that the question be referred to proposed rules committee, 1169-70.

Estimates:

On a question of privilege raised by Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) that the form in which the National Defence estimates for 1967-68 were presented was in violation of existing law, on which he gave notice of a motion to have the book of estimates withdrawn and revised, Mr. Speaker ruled that the Chair does not decide on a question of law and that the matter was really an argument and not a question of privilege, 1533-4.

Galleries:

Statement by Mr. Speaker concerning question raised on previous day by Mr. Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre) re propriety of certain departmental officials to use first row of seats behind Press Gallery for the performance of their duties, 1251.

Statement by Mr. Speaker that the individual who threw pamphlets from the gallery was in the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms and pursuant to S.O. 14 could not be discharged without special order of the House, 1482.

Government Motions:

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) during debate on motion to approve the Canada-United States automotive agreement, proposed an amendment by substituting, that agreement be referred to Industry, Research and Energy Development Committee, 511. Mr. Speaker ruled that to move that a question be referred to a committee was not an amendment, 511.

Mr. Winkler (Grey-Bruce) during debate on motion to approve the Canada-United States automotive agreement, proposed an amendment by adding, that agreement may not be renewed without the prior consent of Parliament, which was challenged on its admissibility, 511. Mr. Speaker ruled amendment out of order on the grounds that it was declaratory of a principle and could not be moved to this type of a resolution, 515-6.

Member, Right to Vote in House:

On a question of privilege raised by Mr. Nielsen (Yukon) concerning the right of Mr. Berger (Montmagny-L'Islet) to vote in the House after failing to file his return of election expenses, Mr. Speaker ruled that the decision was not within the competence of the Speaker, but was up to the House to decide, 203-4.

Ministerial Statements:

Statement by Mr. Speaker confirming rights of party spokesmen to comment on ministerial statements; independents however are excluded, 158-60.

Motions:

Mr. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works) rose on second reading of Bill C-147 (Yukon Act) and proposed to move,—That the House do now proceed to Private Members' Notice of Motion No. 66 re capital punishment, 363. Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was a superseding motion under S.O. 44 which suspended the normal course of business and as a substantive motion required notice, therefore it was out of order, 363-4.