

Division

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the Chair might be allowed to hear the hon. member for Lotbinière.

[*Translation*]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to deal with the point of order.

If, according to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), the motion of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) has been presented without previous notice, then as the hon. member said, both of them are on the same footing and are equally entitled to preference.

But, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the house, we have noticed that the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) was the first to ask to be recognized. Therefore—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Whether I was right or not, the ruling has been made at any rate. Of course, it is the responsibility of the Chair to recognize an hon. member rather than another, and such a decision is never that easy, because in theory, in practice and according to our standing orders, all are equal. The Chair has exercised its discretion in recognizing the President of the Privy Council.

As I said a few moments ago, any hon. member has the right to suggest that one of his colleagues be heard, and that is exactly the purpose of the motion of the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin) which has been put to the house.

[*English*]

The motion is before the house. Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. MacLean, moves that the hon. member for Calgary North be now heard. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Baldwin: It is not debatable. The question has been put.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the President of the Privy Council. I cut him off a moment ago because the hon. member for Lotbinière wanted to rise on the point of order or perhaps to raise a new one. It was my intention to allow the President of the Privy Council to speak on that point of order. If he thinks it is necessary to do so I would hear him.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I should like to make the point that the hon. member for Peace River could not make the motion he wanted to make on a point of order. In view of the fact that I have been recognized I wonder whether I could now be heard.

Mr. Speaker: I have given this point much thought. It is perhaps debatable when and at what point that kind of a motion can be made. I would agree with the minister that it cannot be made on a point of order, but the rule is that such a motion can be made at any time. The hon. member has made a motion and it would be very difficult, I think, to say that "any time" did not include the time at which the motion was made by the hon. member for Peace River. The minister will recognize that whether the motion is made now or later I assumed all along that perhaps it would be made at one point or another. It has been made and I am now putting the motion to the house. Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. MacLean, moves that the hon. member for Calgary North be now heard. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those in favour please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those against please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Baldwin) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Aiken
Alexander
Alkenbrack
Asselin
Baldwin
Barnett
Beaudoin
Bell
Bigg
Brewin
Broadbent
Burton

Cadieu (Meadow Lake)
Caouette
Coates
Code
Comeau
Crouse
Danforth
Dinsdale
Dionne
Douglas (Nanaimo-
Cowichan-The
Islands)