

Western Grain Transportation Act

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When I asked to be put on the agenda to speak here earlier this evening, Mr. Speaker, it was the New Democratic Party and its hypocrisy which motivated me to speak. That motivation has been superseded by the hypocrisy of the 133 Liberal Members who show up to vote and do not show up to speak. I hope, Mr. Speaker, that we get some of them sufficiently energized to enter into this debate and to tell us why they think it so important—

Mrs. Appolloni: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hawkes: —but the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin), Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.

Mrs. Appolloni: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Members on this side of the House, I would have it noted that there are those in this House who feel that if they have nothing intelligent to say, it is better to shut up!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has not made a point of order.

Mr. Murphy: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member will be seated, please.

Mr. Murphy: Point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member please be seated. The Chair appeals to the House to observe decorum because it is very difficult to hear the remarks coming from Hon. Members. The Chair also would appeal to Hon. Members not to raise false points of order because the debate cannot be conducted on the basis of continuous interruptions based on false points of order. If the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy) has a point of order, the Chair will hear it.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, my point of order, of course, is that I agree that the Liberal Member was correct, of course. If they have nothing intelligent to say, of course, they should stay down. But my point—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has to state a point of order. The Hon. Member is not making a point of order.

Mr. Murphy: My point of order, Mr. Speaker, is that, of course, the Leader of the speaker who is speaking at the present time is misleading the House—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Calgary West.

Mr. Hawkes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought that the Hon. Member for Trinity (Miss Nicholson) had really done it when she gave us a new definition of intelligence—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker) rises on a point of order. The Chair does not wish to recognize Hon. Members on false points of order. Hon. Members detract from the decorum of the House when they do so. If the Hon. Member for Kootenay West has a valid point of order, would he please state it succinctly.

Mr. Parker: Mr. Speaker, I am not the Hon. Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen), I am the Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke. I have a point of order. I believe that we have a responsibility to stand up in the House to express a point of order. The fact remains—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Would the Hon. Member please express his point of order.

Mr. Parker: The point remains that you have been dictatorial in your manner of dealing with points of order.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Parker: —and I have no—

Some Hon. Members: Out, out.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If the Hon. Member, or any Hon. Member of his Party, has a complaint concerning the occupant of the Chair, the Hon. Member is aware of the procedures available and the methods to follow. Idle words will not serve his purpose, nor the purpose of the occupant of the chair. The Hon. Member for Calgary West.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for York South-Weston (Mrs. Appolloni), gave us in this Chamber a little earlier this evening a unique definition of an intelligence test. It is interesting to find out—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Willowdale (Mr. Peterson) on a point of order.

Mr. Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat shocked at the demeanour which we have seen tonight in this House. Let us continue with the debate. These baseless allegations made against the Chair only bring disrepute on the Hon. Members who espouse them. I, for one, commend the Chair in the way it is attempting to run this Chamber with decorum—

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair does not intend to recognize continuously Hon. Members who have not succeeded in establishing a point of order. For the last time, if the Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker) has a valid point of order, will he please state it?

Mr. Parker: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I want to express my point of order. I think it is a valid point of order and I have tried all day today to express my point of order. This House has not given me the opportunity to express my point of order.