

then after having declared the motion lost from the Chair, to reput the question. I submit to you, Sir, that I have never seen it happen in my time here. It does give rise to that very rare occasion where we are confronted with an unnecessary division. In the circumstances, Sir, I submit that the Chair should not put the question.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, it is an interesting but obviously irrelevant argument being put by the House Leader for the Official Opposition. The fact of the matter is that the Acting Speaker sitting in the Chair decided, upon viewing the House of Commons, that there was a sufficient number of Members present who rose in order to justify that the division should take place. The Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) is now challenging that Speaker's decision. He is challenging the decision of the Chair, which is quite out of order. I would like to suggest, Sir, that in order to do what he is doing, as you have frequently pointed out, if someone is dissatisfied with the way the Chair has conducted himself or herself, the Member for Yukon knows the proper procedures to take. This certainly is not one of the proper procedures.

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, I was present when those events happened. The recitation of the facts as alleged by the House Leader of the Official Opposition are absolutely right. The Speaker asked for the yeas and nays and he rendered his decision that the nays have it. At that point the New Democratic Party had only four Members in the House.

Some Hon. Members: Three.

Mr. De Bané: The Hon. Member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) was not, as I am sure he would confirm, in his seat. After the Speaker said that the motion was lost, they later reached the number of five and a second decision was rendered after it had been stated that the motion was lost before the calling of the bells. The recitation of the House Leader of the Opposition is absolutely correct.

• (1805)

Mr. Anguish: Is this similar to hiding behind the curtains?

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Order. The President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard).

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, since he was present when the events took place, I preferred to let one of our colleagues speak as he just did to corroborate the facts presented by the Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). Therefore, if these are the facts, and we have no reason to doubt that—I think it is implicit in what was said by the Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans)—the Speaker did declare the motion lost.

In that case, we may well ask what we are voting on now. If a decision was made, and the record shows that the motion was declared lost, then we have been called in to vote on a matter that has already been settled.

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So if anyone is unwilling to abide by the Chair's decision, it is not the Member from Yukon nor the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans but the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain, who refuses to acknowledge that the Speaker declared the motion for second reading lost, and we abide by the Chair's decision.

[English]

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I was coming into the House when the motion was being put. I heard the motion and I heard the Hon. Members who expressed their yeas and nays. By the time the Speaker had declared the motion was lost, I was in my seat, as has been indicated.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Orlikow: I was in my seat by that time. I knew what the question was and I was in my seat. When I was in my seat and when it was time to call for a recorded vote, there were five of us here. It is as simple as that.

Mr. Speaker: This is a situation unprecedented in the experience of the present incumbent of the Chair. It is quite clear. I have a preliminary transcript of *Hansard*. The facts as recited by the Hon. Member for the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) are substantially correct. The Acting Speaker is quoted as saying that the motion is defeated, "I declare the motion lost". In the circumstances, the motion is lost. This House is now adjourned.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

SHIPBUILDING—UNEMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY. (B) INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, on January 26, just past, I asked the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Lumley) if he would be agreeable to looking into the difficulties and the plight of the shipbuilding industry in this country. It has been cited by the industry that over—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): Order, please. Will Members who want to carry on further discussion please leave the House?

Order, please. Will the Members who want to carry on discussions please leave the House so that the Member who is speaking can be heard.

The Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett).