

Mr. Collette: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Thomson: I would appreciate the minister clarifying—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I have to entertain the point of order from the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Collette).

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, I would ask that you clarify the situation. Are you going to rule on the question of privilege as outlined by the right hon. member for Yellowhead (Mr. Clark)—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Collette: —or are we, by some spurious points of order, going to have a debate on the substance of the ways and means motion of which the minister has given notice?

Madam Speaker: I am listening to at least another hon. member, and then I will decide whether I will rule.

Mr. Thomson: Would the minister please clarify for the House that in fact the province of Alberta will not receive one cent of these funds that will be paid into the petroleum compensation revolving fund.

Mr. Lalonde: I rise on the point of order, Madam Speaker. I would certainly not want to mislead the House and I am sorry if my statement this morning might have led the hon. member to the wrong interpretation. Indeed, as indicated, the funds go to the petroleum compensation revolving fund and those funds serve to pay for the cost of oil from Syncrude and Suncor.

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That fund also contributes to the payment to Alberta of other royalties, capital and operating costs of the companies. So what is coming out of the revolving fund, out of the Syncrude levy fund, goes to the companies to pay their operating costs and the Alberta royalties.

I apologize if I misled the hon. member this morning in this respect. The money pays for the corporations and for the royalties. Part of this money goes to the government of Alberta in the form of royalties. Again, on the point of order, I regret that I may have misled hon. members this morning.

Mr. Thomson: Madam Speaker, in fact—

Mr. Collette: On a point of order, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Clark: Are you trying to shout everybody down?

Madam Speaker: Order.

Mr. Collette: On a point of order, Madam Speaker.

An hon. Member: Sit down.

Privilege—Mr. Clark

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. members please resume their seats. I will entertain a point of order from the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council.

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, as I understand what is at issue here, it is the right of the minister to give notice of a ways and means motion.

An hon. Member: You weren't here this morning.

Mr. Collette: I was here this morning and I heard the whole debate. What we are operating under now is almost a statement by a minister with questions from either side. That is the way in which it is proceeding.

Mr. Clark: Stop lecturing the Speaker.

Mr. Collette: I understand that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) was speaking on a question of privilege, that he was interrupted once or twice on points of order, perhaps by the hon. member from Calgary. I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you clarify the procedure which we are now under. Are we on statements by ministers with questions coming from either side, or are we talking about contributions to a question of privilege?

Miss MacDonald: He made a statement in the House.

Mr. Collette: I submit, Madam Speaker, that the hon. member for Calgary South has already contributed by way of a point of order on the minister's contribution to a question of privilege. If you intend, Madam Speaker, to recognize another member as you said a moment ago, then surely it should be a different hon. member.

I hope you will rule on the right of this procedural debate, because we are not on statements by ministers. We are on the whole question of tabling a ways and means motion by the minister.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member has asked me to clarify the procedure we are working under. Perhaps that will satisfy the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker), but I will recognize him if he has a further point.

We are debating a question of privilege. From both sides of the House I have allowed and entertained points of order. That is what I just did, because I would not, of course, be able to allow the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to speak twice on the question of privilege. He was answering a point of order, and I have allowed points of order on both sides of the House in the course of this debate. So we are not on statements by ministers; we are still debating a question of privilege.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): That is right.

Mr. Thomson: Madam Speaker, I would not want the minister to mislead the House into believing that in fact any royalties were being paid to the province of Alberta out of the petroleum compensation revolving fund, because there can be