

which has yet to be made. That is a sophism. You would like to make binding a decision which the courts have not yet reached. If we listened to you, Senator Frith, and if we accepted your theory, Canada would end up in a state of anarchy, and I will explain to you why. I will use a very simple example to help you understand better.

I live in Rouyn-Noranda. Last Sunday, in my hometown, people had to go to the polls to choose a new mayor and six new aldermen. If we were to apply your theory to the effect that as soon as legal proceedings are instituted, the people against whom—

**Senator Frith:** You might continue after eight o'clock, for it is now a quarter past six.

**Senator Grimard:** Apparently, honourable senators, you do not like what I am saying since you are trying to cut me off. However, if we followed your theory, this would mean that a Rouyn-Noranda citizen could institute proceedings to disqualify the mayor, as well as four or five aldermen, so that these people could not sit as long as a court has not ruled on their status. This would be anarchy. This example could apply not only to municipal corporations, but also to school boards, public and private corporations, as well non-profit charitable organizations. To claim that the eight of us could not vote as long as the courts have not ruled on our status is absurd.

Listen carefully, I am about to conclude. Senator Frith, my other seven colleagues and I—

**Senator Frith:** So-called colleagues.

**Senator Grimard:**—have the same privileges and rights as you, Senator Frith. We are here as full-fledged senators, you understand? We have every intention to take part in all debates, to be involved in all committee meetings and especially to vote on all bills, all amendments and all questions of privilege.

To conclude, let me say this: We have the same rights and privileges as you—listen to this, because you are a lawyer—and as long as the Supreme Court of Canada has not ruled on our status as senators, we will stay here, the eight of us. We will stay, whether you and your friends opposite like it or not.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, it is now 6 p.m. Pursuant to our rules, I must now leave the Chair to return at 8 p.m.

The sitting of the Senate was suspended.

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