

Government Orders

I would like to move, supported by the hon. member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys:

That the motion before us be amended by deleting all of the words after the word "that" and by substituting the following therefore:

Bill C-86, an act to amend the Immigration Act and other acts in consequence thereof, be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day six months hence.

Mr. Valcourt: Mr. Speaker, an agreement could not be reached under the provisions of Standing Orders 78(1) or 78(2) with respect to report stage and third reading of Bill C-26, an act to amend the Public Service Employment Act, the Public Service Staff Relations Act and other acts in relation to the Public Service of Canada.

Under the provisions of Standing Order 78(3), I give notice of my intention to move the time allocation motion at the next sitting of the House for the purpose of allotting a specified number of days or hours for the consideration and disposal of proceedings at the said stage.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Before recognizing the member, I would like to make it clear that once the Chair has recognized the minister on a notice of this kind, it cannot interrupt, and I will now first recognize the hon. member for Essex—Windsor.

[*English*]

Mr. Langdon: I think that under the rules of the House it is not possible to move a motion when you have been recognized on a point of order. I think that this motion is, therefore, out of order at this stage.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully differ with my hon. friend from Essex—Windsor.

A notice of time allocation under Standing Order 78(3) is in order, either by rising in debate or by rising on a point of order.

Your Honour did recognize the hon. minister and I believe that his notice is completely in order.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, when the government members immediately prior to my intervention attempted to make a similar motion, our deputy House leader appeared in the House and pointed out that no attempt had been made in accordance with the Standing

Orders to get agreement on a proposed allocation of time which is required before you make the said motion.

At that time you promised to take that point under deliberation and decide on it at a later time, I presume on Monday.

As far as I know, there has been no proposal for allocation of time put to us for which agreement was sought, and consequently I think the point of order that was raised by the hon. member from Kingston some minutes ago is still a valid objection to this motion at this time. We ask the Chair to take that under consideration.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Before recognizing the parliamentary secretary, I would like to recall that the notice given by the minister concerns Bill C-26, the Public Service Reform Act, and not Bill C-86, the Immigration Act.

[*English*]

Mr. Edwards: You are absolutely correct, Mr. Speaker.

On the general point that my friend from Notre-Dame-de-Grâce was making, I can assure him that were he to consult with his House leader or his deputy House leader and were the New Democratic Party to do the same they would find that consultation has taken place and that it is completely in order. I can assure my friend of that.

I do apologize to my friend from Spadina for the point of order's coming after his speech had begun. It was not our intention and it was intended that it be made between the speeches. We did not wish to be rude.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I wish to apologize. I thought the minister had said Bill C-86 and I apologize. My remarks were directed to the C-86 situation.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Kindy: Mr. Speaker, independent members were not consulted on this motion. Therefore, we cannot give our consent.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I think it is important to recall two aspects of the Standing Orders. First, it is a notice that does not require unanimous consent. It may be given by a minister of the Crown in the course of