

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: Honourable gentlemen, I have only one word to say. It seems to me rather unfortunate that we should be treated to an argument which is deliberately against the principle of the Bill, and therefore clearly out of order, especially by an ex-Speaker of our own Chamber.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: It is perfectly in order.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I may tell the honourable gentleman, who has been the Speaker of the House of Commons, that the principle of a Bill may be discussed on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: But it is not permissible to argue against the principle of a Bill on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Quite the contrary.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I rise to say a word on the third reading—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Order. The honourable gentleman has already spoken.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I have not. I have spoken on the amendment.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I am going to speak on the third reading. When did I speak on the question?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question is on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I rise to speak. I have not spoken—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: You have spoken.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I have not.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: It is a question of fact.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I think the honourable gentleman has spoken on the amendments.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Yes, on the amendments.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The honourable gentleman has made a long speech on the third reading.

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Hon. Mr. CLORAN: It was on the amendment. I am not going to take that ruling. I am going to stand here—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I shall sit down when you sit down.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question is on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Really, Mr. Speaker, as a matter of fact—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: I think the honourable the Speaker is mistaken. I do not think that my honourable friend has spoken on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Certainly he did.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: He spoke on the amendments. I spoke on the amendments myself, but I have not said anything on the third reading. The question has just been put to-night. I think the Speaker is acting in good faith, but he is mistaken.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Order.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I rise to call the attention of the Speaker to the fact that he is making a mistake. I think he is acting in good faith, but it is impressed on my mind that the honourable member from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Cloran) spoke when he had no right to speak. I was expecting that he would be called to order because he had already spoken on the amendments which had been proposed; but he has not spoken since the third reading has been moved. It is only a few minutes since the question of the third reading was put. The honourable the Speaker will see by the Minutes to-morrow that he is mistaken on the question of fact.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The honourable member for De Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) overlooks the fact that two long speeches were made by the honourable gentleman from Victoria (Hon. Mr. Cloran), and that three-quarters of those speeches were against the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Certainly. They were against the amendment proposed on the third reading.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: If the House will give permission to the honourable gentlemen—

Some Hon. SENATORS: No, no