

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

would recognize the Hon. Member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen) for that purpose.

Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honour to be a surrogate in this particular instance and because it makes such eminent good sense I am quite happy to make the point.

The riding of Lachine has been so named for 15 or 20 years. The new name proposed by the Commission is "Jacques-Cartier". It is the same name as one of the provincial ridings within the boundaries of the present Lachine. Accordingly, it is the recommendation that the name "Lachine" should be adopted to avoid any confusion with the provincial seat.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): May I repeat the procedure that the House has adopted and was adopted, as I understand, by unanimous consent. It is that rather than proceed by Province, objections will be dealt with seriatim in the order that they exist in the hands of the Chair. Perhaps the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) raises the point which I feel is important to the House. My understanding is that we are not proceeding by grouping of Provinces but rather by the order in which they appear in the hands of the Chair seriatim.

Therefore, the next objection which I have in fact deals with the Province of Ontario, which is irrelevant in the procedural sense, and would deal with what I would expect to be the riding called Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

● (1250)

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. First, with respect, we are not proceeding in the manner in which we were proceeding by consent but in accordance with the rules. That was the ruling of the Chair.

Second, it is my understanding of dealing with matters seriatim that each of the reports in the order in which they reached the Table are to be called. We have dealt now with the Nunatsiak. We have dealt with the Chair's riding and we must now, I would suggest, proceed to identify the ridings for which reports have been filed in each of the other cases where objections have been filed in the Province of Quebec in the order in which they were laid upon the Table.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. When I used the word "seriatim" yesterday, I intended it to mean Province by Province as indicated in the agreement that was reached yesterday. However, since the "seriatimness" of the proceedings—if I may use the term—has been changed, and I quite see that this does make eminent sense, may we have now the order in which the various objections were tabled so that we may have some time to prepare? That could be done between now and two o'clock. The Speaker does seem to have a whole list and I would be interested to know whether I shall be on my feet with respect to Esquimalt-Saanich in British Columbia today or some time next week.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Speaker, perhaps in order to allow the Chair an opportunity to consider the procedure, as well as the Government, and since it is very close to one o'clock, Hon. Members might wish to call it one o'clock and come back at two o'clock and deal with the matter.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I think the proposal made by both the Hon. Member for the Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) and the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) may make sense.

Let me explain to Members that what I have in hand are objections raised in the order in which they were received by the Chair. That is to say, they will move from one particular riding to another in that order and we will necessarily be crossing provincial boundaries as we proceed with debate. The Hon. Member for Yukon indicated, quite rightly, that the Deputy Speaker made his ruling to the effect that we would proceed seriatim. The word seriatim in this case means in the same order as the objections were received by the Chair.

Perhaps I can be of some use to Hon. Members if I were to take a moment just before one o'clock to follow the suggestion made by the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich and read to Hon. Members the list of ridings which are under consideration. I am going to have a problem with that—I will recognize the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) in a minute—because the manner in which these objections have been provided to me is such that the name of the particular riding is not given within the form of the objection. One has to draw a conclusion by reading, in some cases, the list of signatories to the objection, and in that fashion being able, hopefully, to guess correctly which riding is under debate.

I think in the circumstances I ought to ask the Table officers if they would be so kind over the period from one o'clock to two o'clock to make sure that by two o'clock I am able to provide the House with an accurate, updated list of the ridings to which objections have been made in the order they have been made, in accordance with the ruling made by the Deputy Speaker earlier.

I think the suggestion made by the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich is very much in order. Perhaps with the co-operation of the Table officers the list of ridings could be made available in photocopy form in both languages and put on the desks of all Hon. Members by two o'clock.

If that is agreeable to the House I will now recognize the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) on a point of order, and certainly I think in the circumstances I would want to entertain the suggestion that we call it one o'clock as soon as everybody is ready.

Mr. Herbert: Mr. Speaker, if we are going to call it one o'clock, there is no problem. I wanted to make a remark on the constituency of Lachine, the matter presently under discussion. While originally I was under the impression that I could make my remark at any time up to three o'clock, if under the new set-up something is to be concluded and I cannot get back to it, then I raise that problem. However, if we are going to adjourn at one o'clock, let us leave it until two o'clock.