

*Disposition of Supply Motions*

● (2210)

**Mr. Speaker:** I declare the motion lost. May we have order, please. The hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis) is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order similar to one I have raised before in this House. On this occasion I say that the vote of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) should not be allowed to count because he was not in his place when the vote proceeded.

● (2220)

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not sure whether the Chair is required to make a ruling at this stage. Hon. members know the Standing Order, which is clear, to the effect that a member should not move around, come into or leave the chamber—

**Mr. Forrestall:** Take the vote away from him; then there is no problem.

**Mr. Speaker:** May we have order, please. A member should not come into the chamber or leave the chamber while the vote is taking place. I should not think that because, while there is cheering on one side or the other, an hon. member leans over to talk to another member it should disqualify his vote.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, time permitting—

**An hon. Member:** Sit down.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We have a long procedure ahead of us, and if hon. members want to pursue this course of action I suggest we will not move ahead very quickly.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Time permitting, Mr. Speaker, I could turn up a number of precedents which would suggest that we delete the vote of the President of the Treasury Board. If he wishes to deny the accusation, I will apologize. If he is willing to say he was in his place, I will withdraw what I am saying now.

**An hon. Member:** Oh, sit down.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** If what I have suggested is wrong, I should think the President of the Treasury Board would rise and say he was in his place.

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE IN VOTE 20A, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

**Mr. Speaker:** Before putting the motion on our next item of business perhaps the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) would like to refer to the point of order raised this morning. This might be a good time to hear from hon. members in this regard.

[The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel).]

The President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) proposes to move as follows:

That vote 20a, in the amount of \$1,009,000 of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources for Earth Sciences—program expenditures in Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1974, be concurred in.

Hon. members will remember that when we reached the item of supply this afternoon, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) raised a point of order with reference to two notices which appear on today's notice paper, standing in the name of the hon. member for Yukon, at which time he proceeded to give his views about the procedural validity of these notices. The Chair suggested that perhaps it might be better to wait until later in the day or in the evening to hear argument on this interesting point. I would be willing, of course, at this point to hear from the hon. member for Yukon or any hon. member who wishes to guide the Chair on the point raised earlier today by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Since the point was initially raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, Mr. Speaker, perhaps he should be allowed now to complete the argument he started, and I will participate later.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, the fact is that with the few words I uttered this afternoon I think I made the case. There are two notices on the notice paper in the name of the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen). The first one is put down as a notice of opposition, presumably under Standing Order 58(4)(a). It is my contention that such a notice is not a notice of opposition to an item unless it is opposition to the entire item. However, the notice put down by the hon. member for Yukon expresses opposition only to \$16,999.99 of that item; therefore, it is not a notice of opposition to the entire item. Furthermore, I submitted this afternoon that the notice is misleading and does not make the sense a motion before the House is supposed to make because it is identified as an attempt to cut out the salary of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Macdonald).

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I indicated as a minor point that the hon. member for Yukon was asking to cut that salary to \$1, but then he proposed to make a reduction of \$16,999.99 which has the effect of cutting the salary of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to one cent.

**An hon. Member:** Very generous.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** I would point out, first of all, that the minister's salary is not \$17,000. The minister's salary is \$15,000 and he gets a \$2,000 car expense allowance. The first is taxable and the second is not. The fact is that the \$15,000 salary is provided under the Salaries Act and the \$2,000 car expense allowance is provided under the Senate and House of Commons Act. Therefore, these amounts are not in the estimates at all, and any attempt to ask this House to vote against the salary and car allowance of the minister by dragging it