

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

I submit that the bill was imperfect in the sense in which the rules require and that this bill should not be allowed by Your Honour to be proceeded with this afternoon. It is defective in a number of particulars. I am not going into them now. If we proceed, I shall go into them a little later on. But I think it is perfectly obvious that the main point of my hon. friend's objection is that the bill is imperfect because the House of Commons will not be giving by legislation approval of this very important agreement, which to my mind is fundamental to the whole discussion at the present time.

Mr. Speaker: I just want to say that, notwithstanding whatever sympathy I may have with the points that have been brought up, I cannot accept them as being a valid point of order at this stage in order to prevent the second reading being proposed by the Chair.

We are not dealing with the details of the bill at this moment. The second reading of the bill, according to citation 656 from Beauchesne's third edition, is that stage when it is proper to enter into a discussion and propose a motion relative to the principle of the measure.

It is precisely because there may be some imperfections in the bill that may be corrected after debate and motions proposed for the purposes of amending, which means either deleting or adding that the bill must go into committee of the whole. Sections cannot be referred to during the debate on the second reading. Therefore I must put the motion.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, are you ruling that this bill is in order?

Mr. Speaker: I am ruling it is in order now to put the motion for second reading of the bill.

Mr. Knowles: Then, sir, I appeal your ruling to the house.

Mr. Speaker: Those in favour of sustaining the Speaker's ruling will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: Those against will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Call in the members.

Mr. McIvor: More obstruction.

Mr. Speaker put the question as follows:

Mr. Knowles raised a point of order as I was proposing the question on the second reading of

[Mr. Coldwell.]

this bill, intituled an act to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, to the effect that the provisions of this bill violated the principle of parliamentary control over finances since the agreement referred to in the bill was not being submitted to the house. I ruled that since the requirements of the British North America Act and of standing order 61 in respect of financial measures had been met, and since further it was customary not to include agreements in bills providing for the carrying into effect of these agreements—and I would refer hon. members to chapter 71 of the statutes of 1947, an act to provide for carrying into effect treaties of peace between Canada, Italy, Roumania, Hungary and Finland, in which none of the agreements were inserted in the bill—it was in order to proceed with the motion for the second reading of the bill.

The house divided on the question: Shall the Speaker's decision be sustained? And the decision of the Chair was sustained on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Anderson	Gingues
Applewhaite	Gour (Russell)
Arsenault	Gourd (Chapleau)
Ashbourne	Gregg
Batten	Habel
Beaudry	Hahn
Benidickson	Hanna
Bennett	Hansell
Bertrand	Hardie
Blackmore	Harris
Blanchette	Healy
Boisvert	Hellyer
Bonnier	Henderson
Bourque	Henry
Breton	Hollingworth
Brisson	Holowach
Brown (Essex West)	Hosking
Bruneau	Houck
Buchanan	Howe (Port Arthur)
Byrne	Huffman
Cameron (High Park)	Hunter
Cannon	James
Cardin	Johnston (Bow River)
Caron	Jutras
Carrick	Kirk (Shelburne- Yarmouth-Clare)
Carter	Lafamme
Cauchon	Lafontaine
Cavers	Langlois (Berthier- Maskinonge- Delanaudiere)
Cloutier	Langlois (Gaspé)
Crestohl	Lapointe
Dechene	Leboe
Decore	Leduc (Gatineau)
Denis	Leduc (Jacques Cartier- Lasalle)
Deschatelets	Leduc (Verdun)
Deslières	Lefrançois
Dickey	Legare
Dumas	Lesage
Dupuis	Low
Enfield	Lusby
Eudes	MacDougall
Eyre	MacEachen
Fairey	MacKenzie
Follwell	Macnaughton
Fraser (St. John's East)	McCann
Gagnon	McCubbin
Gardiner	McCulloch (Pictou)
Garson	McDonald
Gauthier (Lake St. John)	McIlraith
Gauthier (Nickel Belt)	
Gauthier (Portneuf)	
Gingras	