

refers to some of the sweeping new powers proposed in the legislation.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioner, humbly prays and calls upon Parliament to demand full and extensive public hearings with respect to the concerns raised in the petition and asks that the Bill not be proceeded with before such proceedings have taken place and these concerns are addressed. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. Thacker: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Was the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker) rising on a point of order?

Mr. Thacker: Mr. Speaker, my point of order is that you ought not to be fooled under the rules. The Liberal Party West is forcing the Government to bring in time allocation, thereby giving the Government the out. That is how the NDP, the Liberal Party West, is going to hurt the people in the west through this obnoxious strategy.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, because the Conservative Party was hand in glove with the Liberal Party in committee on this legislation, I can understand why the—

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Just a minute. You go too far.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):—Hon. Member is somewhat sensitive on this question. The fact that the Conservative Party stood idly by while the Government attempted to ram this Bill through committee is good reason for the sensitivity, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saskatoon West rises on a point of order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I do not mind the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) reading petitions, but when he tells untruths in the House I think you should be interceding. It is not argument now. We are dealing with petitions. He is making a dissertation about what happened in the committee which he knows is patently false.

Mr. Speaker: Will the Hon. Member for Burnaby, who seeks to be recognized on petitions, confine himself to petitions?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Precisely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was responding to my colleague from Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker).

I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled with respect to the concern on the part of the petitioner about the proposed security legislation. The Government has refused to allow for broad public output by denying cross-country hear-

ings and has raised concerns with respect to the scope of the potential targeting of the legislation.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member obviously has a series of petitions all requesting public hearings. Could he indicate the number of petitions and file them with the Clerk?

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): He cannot deny the right for a petition, for Heaven's sake.

Mr. Speaker: I invite the Hon. Member to indicate the number of petitions in his hand and to file them with the Clerk. They all appear to deal with the security legislation. They all appear to have the object of asking for public hearings on the Bill. The Hon. Member may have the intention to consume a considerable amount of the time of the House on this matter. In the interest of saving time, which I am sure is his concern as it is everyone else's, I invite him simply to indicate the number of petitions he has and to file them. Is the Hon. Member prepared to do so?

Mr. Deans: No. Point of order.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I am rather puzzled by your request. I am assuming that you are asking the Member if he would care to do that. I can appreciate, as you do, that within the rules he is entitled, in fact honour bound, to present petitions in one of two ways. He can present them, as you have indicated, by filing them with the Clerk. However, he can also rise in his place and present the petitions orally from his place in the House of Commons. He has the choice. It is not the choice of anyone else; it is his choice which way he chooses to present the petitions. I am sure Your Honour is not suggesting to him that he must accede to a request to do it in either of the two ways. He is entitled to do it either way he pleases.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point. It is true that you also have the responsibility of making sure that there is order in the House. I submit very respectfully that it is the duty of the Speaker to make sure that no one wastes the time of the House and makes a joke out of Parliament the way the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) is trying to do now.

Standing Order 71(1) reads:

A petition to the House may be presented by a Member at any time during the sitting of the House by filing the same with the Clerk of the House.

Of course the Hon. Member has this option. However, since he seems to prefer to delay, obstruct and waste the time of the House, he takes advantages of the paragraph to read the same type of petition, to use the time of the House and to prevent us from reaching Orders of the Day and debating a most important Bill. There are a lot of people here in the galleries who are witnessing this childish tactic and lack of respect for Parliament. There are even more people watching on television the dilatory tactics of the NDP on this legislation.