

Bank Act

Mr. Speaker: Order, please; order, please. The position of the Chair has now been reinforced by a citation from Bourinot's fourth edition, page 353, which the Chair did not have available before and which I now cite:

No member who rises to a question of order or privilege will be permitted to move an adjournment of the house or of the debate under the cover of such question.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, in the same way as the hon. member for York South, rose on a point of order—

Mr. Knowles: Oh, no.

Mr. Speaker: —rose on a point of order. That was the only way that the hon. member could get the floor.

Mr. Knowles: No, no.

Mr. Speaker: There is no other way that he can be recognized unless it is on a question of privilege. That is the only matter that we have before us now.

This motion would be made or could be made if there was an item of business before the house and it would then become a superseding motion. Whenever the house reaches the normal business of the house and there is an item of business or a motion before the house, a superseding motion can be made by the hon. member who has the floor discussing the substantive motion, but not on a point of order. This, as I said, is the citation which unfortunately I did not have before but it is clearly before us now.

Mr. Churchill: You should have been here in 1956.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, I accept your ruling. I will move my motion when we get to the second reading of the Bank Act bill.

BANK ACT AND QUEBEC SAVINGS BANKS ACT

EXTENSION OF CHARTERS TO
DECEMBER 1, 1966

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-3, to amend the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Bank Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Knowles: Would the minister like my motion?

Mr. Sharp: I have a very short speech to make.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce (Mr. Winkler), that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre be now heard.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): You are not so sharp.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: No, no. Order.

An hon. Member: There is a motion.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, may I proceed?

Some hon. Members: No, he has not been recognized.

Mr. Starr: Yes, he has. This is just manoeuvring around.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the bill before you—

Some hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Sharp: —proposes to extend the charter of the bank—

Some hon. Members: Order, order.

An hon. Member: Sit down, C. D. Howe.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. To be legal and to be right I think the Chair would have to rule that, the minister having the floor, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre cannot take the floor away from him for the purpose of moving—

An hon. Member: You did not recognize him.

Mr. Speaker: If the Chair recognized the hon. Minister of Finance he had the floor. I wonder whether hon. members heard me. As I said, if we are going to face this motion after the minister has finished his statement I am quite prepared to put it from the Chair now, that is, if the minister will relinquish the floor in favour of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. That would be my suggestion. We will have the motion, I assume, whenever the minister has completed his statement.

So if the hon. minister agrees I will read the motion.

Mr. Sharp: I agree, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill), seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Bruce (Mr. Winkler), moves that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre be now heard. Is it the wish of the house to adopt the said motion? All those in favour please say yea.