

President Eisenhower's Visit—Security Arrangements

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I declare the amendment lost.

ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF U.S. SECRET SERVICE AGENTS

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise—

Mr. Green: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I believe the rule is that the motion must be put.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The debate should continue on the main motion. We are continuing with the main motion. The allowance of time for debate on this order is one day and forty-two minutes. Consequently, there are approximately 35 minutes left—

Mr. Green: I made a mistake, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The debate will now proceed on the main motion moved by Mr. Fleming (Eglinton) and seconded by Mr. Green that I do now leave the chair for the house to resolve itself into committee of supply.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, I rise to raise a grievance based on very disturbing press reports involving matters about which this group is most concerned and also a good number of other people, namely, the infringement or reported infringement of Canadian rights by certain secret service agents of the government of the United States.

Mr. Graffey: It is just hearsay.

Mr. Pallett: The hon. member's taste is all in his mouth. You can see that.

Mr. Herridge: I want to illustrate my grievance—

Mr. Graffey: I wish you wouldn't.

Mr. Herridge:—but before doing so I want to say that we in this group together with all Canadians welcome the visit of the President of the United States to this country—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Herridge:—as the president of a friendly nation.

An hon. Member: Sit down.

An hon. Member: Shame!

Mr. Herridge: We recognize the great contribution that President Eisenhower has made in war and in peace. However, Mr. Speaker, we are genuinely disturbed by reliable press reports concerning certain incidents which indicate a lack of understanding on the part of these secret service agents of the United States, of Canadians, of their rights, of their ways, of their usages, and a complete lack

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of confidence in the ability and capacity of our Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

I refer first of all to newspaper reports of the search of the residence of the representative of Her Majesty in Canada by these secret service agents of the United States accompanied, according to the newspaper reports, by an inspector of the R.C.M.P. Second, I refer to newspaper reports of a search of the residence of our Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) by the same United States agents accompanied, I understand, by an inspector of the R.C.M.P.

While I heard some interruptions when I rose to speak, Mr. Speaker, I said that we were definitely disturbed about these reports and that is why I am raising this grievance tonight on behalf of this group. I am quite certain that while some of the hon. gentlemen opposite may jeer at me they will later be amazed at the number of members of their own party in Canada who will take the same point of view as we do tonight on this question. We consider that if these reports are true—

An hon. Member: Speak for yourself.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. There is more than the usual noise in the house tonight.

An hon. Member: No wonder.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will hon. members kindly permit the hon. member for Kootenay West to continue his speech in silence, please.

Mr. Herridge: If these reports are true we consider these actions as a grave indignity against the representative of Her Majesty in Canada. We consider the same actions a grave indignity to the Prime Minister of this country. While he supports another party we in this group respect the Prime Minister of Canada. We consider that these actions represent a complete misunderstanding and transgression of the rights of the Canadian people. In addition, Mr. Speaker, if these reports are true we consider that these actions indicate that the Prime Minister, in respect of the incidents reported, has failed to take the firm stand we might expect by reason of former pronouncements on his part with respect to the sovereign rights of Canada.

There is also the question of newspaper reports to the effect that these secret agents may enter these buildings tomorrow. I have a newspaper article here from today's *Ottawa Citizen* headed, "Will Guards Carry Arms Into House", written by Mr. Bruce Philips of the Southam news service. I want to quote briefly from that; we think it is rather disturbing:

There is no doubt the president's 20-man body-guard will be armed when they escort him on the