

*Excise Tax Act*

it should be amended in some other respects, or should not be proceeded with until other considerations are given effect to and I am inclined to allow the hon. member to proceed.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Permit me, Mr. Speaker, to say a word. You asked to be given an authority. I have one now that I should like to cite before you give your ruling.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, I shall be glad if there is any authority to be given.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** In Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, fourth edition, at page 281, we find citation 393. This citation has to do with the procedure on public bills and the third section deals with motions for second reading and reads as follows:

An amendment which is not adverse to the principle of a bill but proposes that certain provisions be added to the bill cannot be moved on the motion for second reading.

I submit, Mr. Speaker, that the only purpose of this amendment is to say that in addition to the reductions created by the bill there should be another provision made by the bill, namely that consideration should be given to exempting motor vehicles from the present special excise tax. That, it seems to me with respect, comes clearly within the principle so stated that:

An amendment which is not adverse to the principle of a bill but proposes that certain provisions be added to the bill cannot be moved on the motion for second reading.

There is nothing in this amendment to say, as I take it, that the numerous reductions in the sales tax which are created by the bill shall not be made, but it proposes to add something to those provisions in saying that consideration should be given to a further exemption. That, with respect, Mr. Speaker, comes clearly within the provisions of the citation I have read.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** If I may say a word precisely on that point—

**Mr. Speaker:** I am not disposed to accept the argument just presented and suggest that the hon. member would save the time of the house by allowing me to proceed.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do so with pleasure.

**Mr. Speaker:** This amendment does not propose to add anything to the bill. It is not a motion to add to the bill; it is a motion to defer consideration of the bill on a basis which I am disposed to regard as a basis of principle such as can be put forward on second reading. What I suggest is that the house allow the hon. member to proceed at least on the interim basis that this is a

[Mr. Speaker.]

regular amendment. If I find good and sufficient reason to change my mind or to come to a different conclusion in the course of the debate I will advise the house accordingly. As presently advised it seems to me that the proper course for me to take would be to allow the hon. member to proceed.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** May I call Your Honour's attention to paragraph 660 in the third edition of Beauchesne.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have made an interim disposition of the matter and I shall be glad to consider anything which any hon. member wishes to draw to my attention in the course of the debate. If the hon. member gives the citation I will look at it now.

**Mr. Badanai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was saying when I was interrupted, I do not wish to take up the time of the house to repeat what has already been said in support of the intent of the amendment, but I do wish to read a number of extracts from a speech delivered by the Prime Minister in Windsor on May 9, 1957, as recorded in the *Toronto Star*, as follows:

John Diefenbaker last night promised a Conservative government will reduce the "scandalous" 10 per cent excise tax on autos.

Now, just bear in mind the word "scandalous". I continue:

The national Conservative leader told an audience of 450 in this motor capital of Canada that the tax on cars was an unjustified burden on workers and farmers to whom cars are essential.

"If we are elected" he pledged, "we will take from the shoulders of the taxpayers a portion of this taxation burden."

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Which we have done.

**Mr. Badanai:** Yes, 2½ per cent. Relate the word "scandalous" to 2½ per cent and 10 per cent and I do not think you will find that the relationship is what the Prime Minister meant when he made this statement:

This, he said, would stimulate auto sales and boost employment in the auto industry on which this city depends.

He told his audience auto workers were unemployed partly because of the Liberal government's discriminatory taxes on autos. Its unjust tax policies were pricing Canadian products out of the markets of the world and shackling municipalities with a desperate lack of revenues. This condition, he warned, would eventually tax real estate "right out of existence" because municipalities had no other revenue sources.

Here is an opportunity for hon. members sitting opposite to give tangible proof of their support for a measure which, as appears quite evident from the reported speech of the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker), was approved by him as far back as May, 1957. It is now more important than ever that