

Speaker's Rulings and Statements - (Continued)*Chairman's Decisions Appealed - (Concluded)*

During debate in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-231 (National Transportation Act), Mr. Fawcett (Nickel Belt) proposed an amendment to clause 314D. Mr. Batten (Chairman) ruled the amendment out of order, upon which objection was taken (Mr. Lewis) and an appeal made to Mr. Speaker pursuant to provisional S.O. 59(4), 1204. Mr. Speaker ruled that because of the uncertainty in respect of the general question he would not substitute his judgment for that of the Chairman's, 1204.

During debate in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-231 (National Transportation Act), Mr. Robichaud (Minister of Fisheries) proposed an amendment to clause 74, on which a point of order was raised. Mr. Batten (Chairman) ruled the amendment in order, upon which objection was taken (Mr. Churchill) and an appeal made to Mr. Speaker pursuant to provisional S.O. 59(4), and consideration of the appeal was deferred, 1224-7. Mr. Speaker ruled that although amendment differed from clause negated it was inconsistent with previous decision of the committee, and was therefore not accepted, 1231-3.

During debate in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-243 (Canadian Forces Reorganization Act), Mr. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka) raised a point of order that Private Members Hour must be proceeded with. Mr. Batten (Chairman) ruled that the House should continue in Committee of the Whole, upon which objection was taken (Mr. Churchill) and an appeal made to Mr. Speaker pursuant to provisional S.O. 59(4), 1743-4. Mr. Speaker ruled that because of the conflict between S.O. 15-A and S.O. 16 he would not overrule the Chairman's decision, and suggested that the Procedure Committee review the provisions of the two Standing Orders at the first opportunity, 1744-5.

Committees, Standing; Alleged Tampering with Evidence:

Question of privilege raised by Mr. Nugent (Edmonton-Strathcona) concerning tampering by Minister of National Defence with Rear-Admiral Landymore's brief before it was presented to the committee, 845. Mr. Speaker ruled that as the matter had been before the House on a number of occasions the question of privilege was not being raised at the earliest opportunity, 845-6. Mr. Nugent rose on a point of order in support of his contention that this was his earliest opportunity, 846. Mr. Speaker stated that he was maintaining his ruling, 846.

Consideration resumed on a question of privilege raised by Mr. Nugent (Edmonton-Strathcona) on Oct. 17, 1966, and he proposed to move, - That the charge of tampering with committee evidence made on Oct. 12 (*Hansard*, page 8577) against the Minister of National Defence and the statement about Mr. Nugent in the *Ottawa Journal* of Oct. 15 (*Hansard*, page 8715) attributed to the Minister, be referred to the Privileges and Elections Committee, and consideration of the point of privilege continuing, Mr. Nugent rose to speak, 867-8. Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no precedent where a member was allowed to speak a second time on a question that he raised, 868. Mr. Fulton (Kamloops) rose to speak on the question whether the proposed motion involved a *prima facie* question of privilege and also whether it was raised at the earliest possible moment 868. Mr. Speaker stated that if the member had a point of order he would allow him to speak, and consideration of the point of order continuing, Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was a substantive motion going beyond the scope of the question, and seemed to revive a point already ruled upon. He further stated that the words attributed to the Minister in the newspaper did not impute an offence against the member, and were not such as to justify sending the matter to the Privileges and Elections Committee, 868-70.

Committees, Standing; Meetings:

Question of privilege raised by Mr. Churchill (Winnipeg South Centre) concerning the calling of meetings of the National Defence Committee, 1485. Mr. Speaker quoting S.O. 68-A ruled that the remedy must be found in the Committee and not in the House, 1485-6.

Committees, Standing; Reports:

On motion for concurrence in External Affairs Committee first report, Mr. Grégoire (Lapointe) proposed an amendment, to refer report back to the Committee to amend its recommendation and suggest that an alternate be appointed for each member, 543. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order in that it was not relevant and exceeded the order of reference of the Committee, 543.