

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Speaker: Yes. Is it the pleasure of the house that this debate be adjourned?

Mr. Knowles: On division.

Motion agreed to on division.

NORTHERN ONTARIO PIPE LINE CORPORATION

CONSTITUTION OF CROWN COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT PIPE LINE, MAKE SHORT-TERM LOANS, ETC.

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. 298, to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation—Mr. Howe (Port Arthur)—Mr. Applewhaite in the chair.

On clause 4—*Body corporate.*

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine.

Mr. Cannon: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Churchill: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, are you going to give a ruling with regard to the point of order raised by the hon. member for Eglinton?

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine is speaking on the same point of order as was raised by the hon. member for Eglinton.

Mr. Cannon: That is it, Mr. Chairman. I listened with care to the arguments that were developed by the hon. member for Eglinton on the point of order that he raised. I took note of his learned dissertation on notice and the objects of notice, which I found rather elementary. I also noticed his snide and unpleasant remarks towards you, Mr. Chairman, about which I shall have a few words to say, and I also noted his references to making a farce of parliamentary procedure.

His argument on the point of order itself left aside the most important thing that he should have discussed, and that, Mr. Chairman, was the matter that was placed before the house by Mr. Speaker this afternoon, and it was in these words:

That in neglecting to submit at once to the house, yesterday, the report of the chairman of committees on an appeal from his ruling by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, I made a serious mistake, that the house should not suffer any prejudice or detriment on my account and that the house, which is master of its own procedure, should be placed immediately in the same position as it was when I resumed the chair yesterday to submit the chairman's report to the house. This action I submit to the judgment of the house.

The house voted on that, Mr. Chairman; and you will remember—and I am sure the public will take notice of it—that the vote

[Mr. Knowles.]

on that was unanimous. There was a unanimous vote in the house, 142 to 0.

Mr. Nicholson: What is the motion again?

Mr. Cannon: I just read it to you.

Mr. Knowles: There was no motion.

Mr. Cannon: I said the matter that was submitted to the house.

Mr. Nicholson: You cannot vote on a matter.

Mr. Cannon: I have read the matter that was submitted to the house.

Mr. Nicholson: You cannot vote on a matter.

Mr. Cannon: I shall now say a few words on that text. The important words there are:

. . . that the house, which is master of its own procedure, should be placed immediately in the same position as it was when I resumed the chair yesterday to submit the chairman's report to the house.

At that time we were going to take a vote. We had been sitting in committee of the whole. We were proceeding in the committee and objection had been taken to a motion made by the Prime Minister. You, Mr. Chairman, gave your ruling on the objection. Your ruling was appealed to the house by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, if my memory is correct.

Mr. Knowles: Correct.

Mr. Cannon: And the Speaker was on the point of putting the question to the house but another matter intervened. If the question had been put to the house at that time, what would have happened? The matter would have automatically been referred back to the committee. The incident that consisted in your ruling and the appeal from your ruling came to an end and the matter that was being studied by the committee at that time—that is Bill No. 298—would have reverted automatically to the committee. I submit that the result of this vote of the house—which once again was a unanimous vote—was that after the vote took place this afternoon the same thing happened as would have happened if the vote had taken place yesterday.

Mr. Knowles: The majority is ruling that today is yesterday.

Mr. Cannon: The judgment of the house reads:

. . . that the house . . . should be placed immediately in the same position as it was when I resumed the chair yesterday to submit the chairman's report to the house.

Mr. Nicholson: What a silly statement.

Mr. Cannon: The house being placed immediately in the same position as it was yesterday, I say that automatically after the