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subjects dealt with in this measure, the amendment dealing with the export industry, when our members open their mouths what do we find? The opposition is still trying to apply closure and suggesting that a private member, just because he happens to be sitting on the government side, has no right to speak. That, of course, is not the way that this government believes in operating parliament.

Mr. Pearson: We know what you are doing—sound and fury.

Mr. Fulton: If my friend will restrain his impatience and remember the proper parliamentary practice he will find that our hon. members will be mindful of the desirability of disposing of this matter. But on the other hand they have every right to take the few moments available to them now to express themselves on this important subject. I do not think it is very seeming to suggest that they be choked off.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, it surely is open to any hon. member to question why a particular procedure is being followed at a particular time.

Mr. Pallett: Come off that.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): It is apparent that in the last while we have had speeches designed only for one purpose.

Mr. Kucherepa: The hon. member is imputing motives and he cannot do that.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Hon. members are eager to ensure that we do not state that purpose.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, may I remind the hon. member of the rule against attributing motives.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I am trying to help the minister in his purpose.

Mr. Fulton: I am trying to help you in preserving order.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): If hon. gentlemen have decided to contribute to the merits of the particular discussion, of course, there can be no quarrel.

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): Are you?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): But every hon. member, including the Minister of Justice, who has spoken in the last three quarters of an hour has associated his remarks with meaningful smiles indicating how proud he is at the success of the obstruction in which they are indulging.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege.

[Mr. Fulton.]

Mr. Martin (Essex East): There we are. Mr. Chairman, it is surely open to the Leader of the Opposition—

Mr. Aiken: Mr. Chairman,—

The Chairman: Order. I am endeavouring to ascertain if the hon. member for Essex East is speaking to the point of order.

Mr. Legere: He is engaging in a diatribe.

The Chairman: If the hon. member for Essex East is speaking to the point of order I must listen to him before listening to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Chairman, as I indicated at the outset I am seeking to deal with the point of order that was raised by the hon. member who has just taken his seat.

Mr. Drysdale: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I am speaking to a point of order.

Mr. Speakman: Make your point.

The Chairman: I must ask the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond to resume his seat because I cannot listen to more than one point of order. The hon. member for Essex East has the floor.

Mr. Woolliams: Let us make it a genuine one.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The point of order is that hon. gentlemen are engaging in a consideration of this matter for only one purpose and that is, as the Leader of the Opposition said, to prevent a discussion—

Mr. Kucherepa: The hon. member should know better.

Mr. Martin (Essex East):—of a measure to improve the situation affecting our senior citizens, to prevent a discussion of old age pensions. That is clear. This is the worst filibuster of the session.

The Chairman: Order. I cannot say that the remarks of the hon. member for Essex East or those which preceded them are in order because it is not in order for an hon. gentleman to impute motives to any other hon. gentleman who speaks in this chamber.

Some hon. Members: Withdraw.

Mr. Speakman: That is what he did.

The Chairman: If the committee is willing to resume the discussion on the amendment perhaps we could proceed. I recognize the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka.