

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And on the motion of Mr. Stanfield, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, in amendment thereto,—That the following be added to the Address:

“We respectfully affirm to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's advisers do not possess the confidence of this House.”

And debate continuing;

Mr. Boisvert proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That the amendment be amended by deleting the words after “to Your Excellency's advisers”; and substituting therefor the following:

“that the necessary reforms of Social Credit were not proposed to guarantee a minimum annual income to all Canadians; as an example, pensions for senior citizens at 60 years of age”.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: The honourable Member moved an amendment about which I have serious procedural doubts. But before ruling on the matter, I am willing to hear the comments, recommendations or advice of my honourable colleagues of the House. Here is the amendment:

That the main amendment be amended by deleting the words after “to Your Excellency's advisers” and substituting therefor the following:

...did not introduce the social credit reforms required to guarantee a minimum annual income to all Canadians, for instance the old age pension at 60.

The question before the House is therefore the following:

We respectfully affirm to Your Excellency that Your Excellency's advisers did not introduce the social credit reforms required to guarantee a minimum annual income—

To my mind, this is a new amendment and not a sub-amendment. As I said, I would be happy to hear the comments of honourable Members to help me decide whether or not the proposed amendment is in order.

Mr. SPEAKER: In my opinion, there is no doubt from a procedural viewpoint that the honourable Member's amendment raises an entirely new matter. It does not attempt to explain the substance of the amendment moved by the honourable Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) but rather to substitute an entirely new proposal.

The honourable Member's motion would have been in order as a main motion and not as a secondary motion appended to a motion already before the House. For this reason, I regret to say to the honourable Member that his motion is not in order as a sub-amendment.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Blais, seconded by Mr. Blaker,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Military Merit upon whom has been conferred the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

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And debate continuing, at 9.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order 38(4);

And the question being put on the amendment to the main motion, it was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 2)

YEAS

Messrs.

Alexander	Clarke	Haliburton
Alkenbrack	(Vancouver	Hamilton
Andre	Quadra)	(Qu'Appelle-
Arrol	Coates	Moose Mountain)
Atkey	Cossitt	Hamilton
Baker	Crouse	(Swift Current-
Baldwin	Danforth	Maple Creek)
Balfour	Darling	Hargrave
Bawden	Dick	Hees
Beattie	Diefenbaker	Hellyer
(Hamilton	Dinsdale	Higson
Mountain)	Ellis	Hollands
Beatty (Wellington-	Epp	Holmes
Grey-Dufferin-	Fairweather	Horner (Crowfoot)
Waterloo)	Forrestall	Horner
Bell	Frank	(Battleford-
Blenkarn	Fraser	Kindersley)
Carter	Gillies	Howie
Clark	Graffey	Hueglin
(Rocky Mountain)	Hales	Hurlburt