

*Privilege—Mr. Clark*

and it is going to benefit the government of Alberta, which will see its royalties increased and its returns increased. It will mean an adjustment in the price of gasoline by about half a cent a litre, the procedure which has been followed in this case is the procedure which should have been followed. That is the way to respect the rules of this House, and I submit to my hon. friends that they will have ample opportunity to debate this as they are debating the budgetary measures.

**Mr. Stevens:** When?

**An hon. Member:** What budgetary measures?

**Mr. Lalonde:** As such, I suggest that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) has not only abused the rules of the House but also that he has not been helpful in getting the proper understanding of what is being done here to the people of the country. Consequently, I submit, Madam Speaker, that there is no question of privilege.

**Mr. Knowles:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We would like the minister to read the motion into the *Hansard* record. The minister says that the motion he tabled will be printed in the record. It will be printed in the order paper, but nobody outside Parliament sees that. I have taken a copy of his own motion across to him, and I simply ask that he read the motion into the *Hansard* record right now while he has the floor.

**Mr. Pinard:** You are wasting our time.

**Mr. Clark:** That has just begun, Yvon.

**Madam Speaker:** If there is unanimous agreement in the House that the minister read the motion into the *Hansard* record, I would tend to allow that just now.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Madam Speaker:** There is not agreement in the House.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Madam Speaker:** We cannot consider two questions of privilege at the same time. Does the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) want to continue his intervention?

**Mr. Clark:** Read your motion.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Anybody can read the motion; it is in the record.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lalonde:** It says that it is expedient to amend the Petroleum Administration Act to increase the levy to \$1.75, but it is from \$1 to \$1.75.

**Mr. Stevens:** It does not say that.

**Mr. Kempling:** You are gutless.

**Mr. Lalonde:** My hon. colleagues, I submit, are not recognizing that this is being done in a way that is completely in order.

**Mr. Wilson:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sure that the minister does not want to mislead the House, because he has just said that there is a question here with regard to the motion. He states that the notice of ways and means calls for the levy to be raised from \$1 to \$1.75. That is not what is said in the notice of ways and means. The notice of ways and means says, "in any month shall be in such amount not exceeding \$1.75". It is quite clear from this, without knowing the background of the notice, that the total increase in the tax is \$1.75.

I think it would have been very helpful had the minister brought to the attention of the House that which is presented in this press release which has been released outside the House and which does state that it is from \$1 to \$1.75. That is what has caused the confusion and the commotion in the House this afternoon. I think it is important that the minister acknowledge that the increase is from \$1 to \$1.75, but that is not what is stated in the motion.

**An hon. Member:** One o'clock.

**Mr. Clark:** Have you the courage to stand up and read it, Marc?

[*Translation*]

**Madam Speaker:** Order. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock, the House took recess.

• (1400)

[*English*]

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

**Mr. John Thomson (Calgary South):** Madam Speaker, prior to the luncheon recess the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) made the statement that the funds derived from the proposed additional levy, as outlined in his notice of ways and means motion, were to be paid to the province of Alberta.

I am sure that the minister would not want to mislead the House in this respect. I should like the minister to acknowledge the fact that these funds in no way go to the province of Alberta, that Alberta will never touch a cent of these funds. These funds, in fact, are to be paid into the petroleum compensation revolving fund to compensate the producers of synthetic crude for the difference between the domestic price for oil of \$14.75 a barrel and the price at which he has presently frozen the payments to the synthetic crude producers of about \$35 a barrel.