

Summer Recess

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I move, seconded by, the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That the House continue to sit this day through the dinner hour in order to consider the motion of the President of the Privy Council now under consideration, including any amendment or amendments proposed thereto.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. I should interrupt the hon. member and advise all hon. members that it is the intention of Madam Speaker to enter the chamber in a moment or two in order to give a ruling with respect to the amendment put by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), the Leader of the New Democratic Party. I might add that perhaps the best way to proceed is for the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn) to continue. I have another problem however, in that it becomes private members' hour at five o'clock. I note that the hon. member's amendment proposes that the debate continues this day through the dinner hour, but it does not deal with the subject of private members' hour. However, that matter is easily handled by unanimous consent.

Momentarily I think I would have to put the amendment as proposed by the hon. member for Saskatoon West. But I think the best way to proceed is that I suggest we continue with the hon. member in debate if the House gives it unanimous consent—

An hon. Member: Five o'clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please.

Mr. Collenette: Mr. Speaker, I think it is incumbent upon you to put the motion immediately you receive it, according to Standing Order 6(5). This motion cannot be put in private members' hour. The assumption is that we will come back at six o'clock and continue debate on the adjournment motion. That will not interfere with private members' hour in any way.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): That is understood. Nor can the present motion be debated. I will have to ask for the yeas and nays.

● (1700)

Those opposed to the motion will please rise.

And more than ten members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): There being ten or more members who have risen in opposition, the motion is considered to have been withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, since the NDP are more interested in eating than debating—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hnatyshyn:—I will call it five o'clock.

Madam Speaker: Order. The hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) has offered an amendment to the adjournment motion which is currently under debate before the House.

There is no question about the importance of the matter referred to in the hon. member's amendment. However, the Chair sees a serious difficulty with its procedural acceptability. What the House is now debating is strictly a motion to adjourn for the summer recess. The amendment of the hon. member for Oshawa is a distinct proposition, asking the House to pronounce itself on certain matters relating to the construction of a portion of the northern gas pipeline and on the financial guarantees relating thereto.

In the opinion of the Chair, this is a new proposition of a substantive nature which could only be brought forward before the House after the required notice. As hon. members are aware, there are many precedents in the *Journals* of our House to support the position of the Chair in this instance. May I refer hon. members to such a ruling as appears at page 330 of the *Journals* for July 7, 1967.

I might also refer the House to citation 437 of Beauchesne's fifth edition, which reads as follows:

(1) An amendment setting forth a proposition dealing with a matter which is foreign to the proposition involved in the main motion is not relevant and cannot be moved.

(2) An amendment may not raise a new question which can only be considered as a distinct motion after proper notice.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Madam Speaker: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn)—Energy—Export of natural gas to United States; the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer)—Air Transport—Scheduled jet air service to Brandon, Manitoba; the hon. member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly)—Environmental Affairs—Movement of oil by tanker—Government representation at U.S. hearings.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions, public bills.