

Bill S-6, An Act to amend the Foreign Insurance Companies Act.—Mr. Fleming (Eglinton).

Mr. Benidickson, seconded by Mr. Pickersgill, moved,—That an Order of the House do issue for copies of orders issued by the Minister of National Revenue since December 1, 1958, under the provisions of Section 38 of the Customs Act for the purposes of fixing duties. (**Notice of Motion No. 50*).

And the Honourable the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Nowlan) having stated that the motion was acceptable, subject to the usual reservations;

Whereupon the honourable Member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill) raised a point of order that the phrase "the usual reservations" was, in effect, an amendment to the motion which should be considered by the House, and that either the House should be told what the reservation was or the motion should be dealt with and dealt with as it stands.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member takes exception, as a point of order on the motion, that, in effect, the Minister proposes a qualification to the order which the House is asked to make, and that in doing so he is proposing an amendment to the motion itself which would have to be proceeded with in the ordinary way. I think there is some substance to that point of order.

We have adopted the practice here of accepting the reservation expressed by a Minister and of putting the motion subject to that reservation. I think that procedure either implies the unanimous consent of the House—and it is on that basis that I have proceeded in the past—or it implies that the House unanimously accepts the limitation as part of the motion. If honourable Members want to go through the full process, I suppose there is a point to be considered. Perhaps the motion might stand today and I will consider the matter and ascertain whether the practice we have been following is, in fact, contrary to our Standing Orders.

On motion of Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Roberge, it was ordered,—That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged from September 1, 1960, to date, between the Federal Government or any agency or department thereof, with the government of the Province of Prince Edward Island, in connection with the construction of the proposed causeway across Northumberland Strait to link Prince Edward Island with New Brunswick. (**Notice of Motion No. 51*).

On motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Martin (Timmins), it was ordered,—That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, and other documents exchanged between the Federal Government and the Council of the Municipality of Teck, relating to a proposed municipal housing development. (**Notice of Motion No. 52*).

On motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Martin (Timmins), it was ordered,—That there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence,