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member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Aiken) pointed out in connection with motion No. 5, which is in his name that that particular body would not necessarily involve expenditures. Perhaps I might take the liberty of reminding the Chair of past precedents which point out that if a body, created without specific reference to the expenditure of money, were created, which in effect was going to utilize certain resources for the purposes of carrying on its functions, then that indirectly provides a drain on the treasury and to that extent would have to be preceded by a recommendation of the Governor General in Council.

I make no contest with respect to the second motion.

May I now refer to the fourth and fifth motions. As I have already said in connection with the fifth motion, I take exception to it on grounds of the absence of a financial recommendation. I also take exception to it on the grounds that it goes beyond the scope of the bill, which relates to the water resources of Canada. Subparagraph (b) of the motion refers to "the control of environmental pollution," particularly with regard to air and soil, which I submit is a subject matter not covered by the bill as defined at the second reading stage which was with regard to water pollution only. That, therefore, is beyond the scope of the bill as originally approved in this House.

The same argument applies to the fourth motion. May I focus your attention particularly on the words, "pollution of any natural element," in the second last line of the motion. This, again, would indicate that the bill deals not only with the control of water resources in themselves, but with the matters involving control of pollution in natural elements, which include soil and air. As such, I submit that this is beyond the scope of the bill.

I entered another caveat with regard to motion No. 25. Having done so, I realized I had overlooked motion No. 6, to which, it seems to me, a similar caveat should apply. This bill deals with the management, utilization and conservation of water resources within Canada.

Mr. McCleave: And with quality, too.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): That is within the terms as used. The bill at no point deals with the question of the export or control of water across international boundaries. In other words, the export of water is not dealt

with anywhere in the bill, and I submit therefore that amendments which purport to deal with the export of water are also beyond the scope of the bill as presented. I am not saying that is not an important question, merely that that is a question which is not dealt with in this particular legislation. It is not within the scope of the bill as presented at second reading. Therefore, I argue that motions Nos. 6 and 25 are beyond the terms of the present bill and should not be accepted. I make no contest or observation with regard to motion No. 16.

These are the only comments that we, on this side of the House, would make with regard to the points of order raised. As to the general alignment suggested to the House by the Chair, we find that quite acceptable.

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I rise very briefly to speak to motion No. 2 and motion No. 5. I want to say a word about motion No. 5 and to raise a question with Your Honour regarding a motion that contains more than one subject matter, which the motion of the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Aiken) does.

I do not think I need to dwell too long on Motion No. 2. My friend, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), dealt with that. As I understand from the remarks of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald), he makes no contest with respect to motion No. 2. If I interpret correctly that cautious wording, I take it that the President of the Privy Council does not think that motion No. 2 is out of order.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Perhaps the hon. member will recognize that it is not for me to tell the Chair so definitively what is in order. I do not contest the validity of the motion. That is all.

Mr. Lewis: That is what I thought the minister said. We agree.

I wanted to draw Your Honour's attention very briefly to two other matters in addition to those which were brought to your attention by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. The first is that in addition to motion No. 14, which Your Honour found in order, you also found motion No. 7 in order, if my notes are correct. I point out to Your Honour that the first part of motion No. 7 provides that forthwith, upon the coming into force of this act, the Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the minister, shall establish water quality standards for all classes of