

Speaker's Rulings and Statements:*Bills, Government; Royal Recommendation:*

Mr. Sharp having sought leave to introduce "An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act" a point of order was raised concerning the Royal Recommendation. Mr. Speaker ruled the error concerned the lower limit of Senators' expense allowances, which the bill did not seek to amend, and as the principle of the bill was not under consideration at this point, it should be introduced and read a first time so that members might study it, 212-3.

Bills, Government; Second Reading:

On a point of order raised by Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) that Bill C-66 (Excise Tax Act amendment) was not in conformity with Ways and Means Motion, Mr. Speaker deferred his decision, 692. Mr. Speaker ruled there was a fundamental variation and that bill and Ways and Means Motion be brought into closer conformity with amendments or alterations to either, before 3 p.m. next day, 706-7. He further ruled that as agreement could not be reached concerning conformity of bill and Ways and Means Motion the offending words must be deleted and bill reprinted prior to further debate, 709-11.

Bills, Government; Second Reading Amendments:

- Mr. Fraser during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-25 (Environmental Contaminants Act), proposed amendment to defer and refer subject-matter to Fisheries and Forestry Committee to consider a more appropriate legislative mechanism. Mr. Acting Speaker ruled amendment out of order in that it contained substantive proposals beyond scope of bill, 195.
- Mr. Broadbent during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-44 (Senate and House of Commons, Salaries and Parliamentary Secretaries Acts amendment), proposed amendment to defer and refer subject-matter to independent commission. Mr. Speaker ruled amendment out of order on grounds that language was not according to practice, establishment of a non-existent commission would require additional financing and it introduced a new proposition, 232-3.
- Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-49 (Income Tax Act amendment), proposed amendment to decline second reading as bill included provisions eliminating deductibility of royalties paid to provinces, Mr. Speaker deferred his decision, 273. Mr. Speaker ruled amendment out of order in that as a declaration of principle on a second reading amendment it opposed only a portion of the provisions of the bill rather than all the principles or provisions, 275-6.
- Mr. Lawrence during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-49 (Income Tax Act amendment), proposed amendment to decline second reading because of failure to provide a 5% reduction in personal income tax. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled amendment in order in that it opposed passage of bill and basic principle within bill, 276-7.
- Mr. Broadbent during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-49 (Income Tax Act amendment), proposed subamendment to substitute "a \$400 tax credit". Mr. Acting Speaker ruled subamendment in order in that it was relevant to amendment, 286-7.
- Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) during debate on motion for second reading of Bill C-47 (Judges Act amendment), proposed amendment to decline second reading as bill failed to limit salary increases within restraint limits proposed by government. Mr. Speaker ruled amendment out of order in that it was not a declaration of principle and opposed the principle of bill only conditionally or up to a certain point, 551.

Bills, Government; Report Stage:

On a point of order raised concerning validity of certain amendments made in Standing Committee and whether House should proceed with Bill C-44 (Senate and House of Commons, Salaries and Parliamentary Secretaries Acts amendment), Mr. Speaker deferred his decision, 465. He ruled committee amendment out of order in that it was beyond scope of Royal Recommendation and ordered it struck from the bill and bill reprinted as otherwise amended by committee. He further ruled that notices of report stage motions be removed from Order Paper until reprinted bill was filed and suggested that Procedure and Organization Committee study relationship between report stage and committee stage, 467-9.