

goes on; and while it may be offensive to some of us toward whom it is directed, I have long since felt that it did not bother me personally.

While I realize your duty is to report the situation to Mr. Speaker, I wonder if under the circumstances it might be possible for us to continue with the debate subject to that and subject to our seeing if there is any precedent which would bear this out; not that I question your judgment or your authority to make a ruling under these circumstances. It occurred to me, however, that we might proceed with the debate and leave the matter as it stands, so that if a report to the Speaker is necessary that report could be made at a later time.

**The Chairman:** I think perhaps the minister has succeeded in allaying the heat which I attempted to allay a few minutes ago. As a matter of fact, when the Leader of the Opposition rose I did not have an opportunity to hear his question of privilege because the words in question were spoken early in his remarks. Perhaps I should hear his question of privilege before commenting further on the matter raised by the minister.

**Mr. Drew:** Mr. Chairman, the question of privilege that I proposed to raise was very brief. The question I would have raised, if I could have been heard at the time, was simply this. When I spoke yesterday I explained it was because the situation demanded a long speech and I spoke within the rules. I do not believe there is any right on the part of any hon. member to challenge the propriety of an hon. member using the time provided by the rules for discussing a subject of importance which is before this house.

**The Chairman:** Order. The question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggarr and the Leader of the Opposition I think is well taken. I am sure the hon. member for Bow River would not wish to leave on the record any implication other than that they had availed themselves of their privileges as hon. members of this house. I therefore expect that the hon. member for Bow River will withdraw any implication such as has been objected to in the questions of privilege raised by these two hon. members.

I hope further that the Leader of the Opposition will co-operate with me. He has already said that he will refrain from using the words objected to a short time ago. I hope that will close the question.

**Mr. Johnston (Bow River):** Mr. Chairman, I meant no offence and I withdraw any offensive reference. I was stating that when

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the Leader of the Opposition spoke until exactly half past nine and then the leader of the C.C.F. continued until ten o'clock it was quite obvious that we were cut off—

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

**Mr. Johnston (Bow River):** That is a matter of fact.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege, when I came back from the television station last night I was told I should probably wait until after nine o'clock, that the Leader of the Opposition would likely make a long speech. I came down to the house shortly after nine o'clock and the Leader of the Opposition sat down at 9.30. I sat down at one minute to ten, and I think I was fully within my rights in doing that, as was the Leader of the Opposition in taking all the time he could under the rules of this house.

**Mr. Knowles:** I rise on a point of order.

**The Chairman:** The hon. member for Bow River is entitled to speak in the committee, and he has been recognized. I wish to make it clear that I consider the points of order raised by these two hon. members to be well taken, and we should not have any further reference to the time taken last evening.

**Mr. Knowles:** I rise on a point of order. In view of the fact that the time we have lost is due to the utterances of the hon. member himself, and in view of the fact that we are under a time limit today, how many minutes—

**An hon. Member:** Sit down.

**Mr. Knowles:** —will the hon. member for Bow River be given?

**The Chairman:** The hon. member for Bow River.

**Mr. Johnston (Bow River):** Mr. Chairman, I should like to start my remarks this afternoon by referring to the resolution. The resolution before us is to set up a crown corporation to be known as Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation. The resolution has two main purposes. The first is to build the northern Ontario section of the line with the two governments putting up approximately \$118 million. The Ontario government is to advance \$35 million and the federal government \$83 million. When the line is constructed it will be leased to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited with an option to buy.

The second part of the resolution deals with the building of the western portion of the trans-Canada pipe line. The corporation will be allowed to lend \$80 million to Trans-Canada at 5 per cent. This is a federal loan at 5 per cent, which would appear to be a good business transaction.