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referred to. The list of impacts includes: quality of life disrupted due to noise, pollution, vibrations and dangerous crossings; loss of lives and livestock along rights of way; restrictions placed on the irrigation of reserve lands by CN Rail, allegedly because of wash-out problems; loss of traditional fishing stations.

You can see, Mr. Speaker, that this is going to take some time. If there is in fact an active CN committee, it will have a lot of work to do. Bureaucrats say: "Everything is okay; trust us. We will work it out. Don't worry; leave it in our hands". I tell you, worry, Mr. Speaker, worry. We have lots to worry about. We need time and that is why we have to support this motion. We need the time.

Mr. Thacker: You are spawning Crown corporations faster than fish.

Mr. Penner: The committee which the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East spoke about needs the time. This motion must be concurred in.

I imagine there are quite a few Hon. Members who are gathering and want to speak. I think we should debate this issue at some length. I do not think that we should have to call it quits at six o'clock. We can go on for a while. We are all concerned about this issue. We are prepared to stay here, to debate it and to hear all the points of view. We do not want to cut the debate off and we do not want to introduce any closure.

I would like to ask you, Mr. Speaker, to consider, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4)(a), that we extend the hours and debate further this important motion to concur.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Penner moves, seconded by Mr. Caccia, to extend hours pursuant to Standing Order 8(4)(a).

In putting the question on such a motion, the Speaker shall ask those Members who object to rise in their places. If 25 or more Members rise, the motion shall be deemed to have been withdrawn; otherwise the motion will have been adopted. All those who object to the motion please rise?

And more than 25 Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the motion lost. I declare the motion withdrawn and lost.

Mr. Riis: I have a question, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Gurbin) has the floor.

Mr. Blaikie: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: I have a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Sorry. I regret that there are questions and comments after the Hon. Member's speech. Therefore, I will recognize the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis) on a question.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, my question—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I see the Hon. Member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson) is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Nickerson: I distinctly heard you say, Mr. Speaker, that the motion had been lost. That is not my understanding of the event that took place. My understanding is that, pursuant to the Standing Orders, by virtue of the fact that more than 25 Members objected and rose to do so, the motion was deemed withdrawn. It was not lost.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is what I said. I corrected myself and said that it was withdrawn. Therefore the questions and comments are on the Hon. Member's speech and I recognize the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis) for that purpose.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I should first like to make a short comment. Regardless of what the Hon. Member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson) had to say, what needs to be made perfectly clear is that members of the NDP and Liberal Party were hoping to have a vote on this motion tonight.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. According to the rule I believe that the opportunity for questions and comments has to be relevant to the speech of the person who has just spoken, not comments which he might want to make about motions that have passed in the House or have been deemed withdrawn.

Mr. Blaikie: On the same point of order—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The point is well taken.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Could I just finish one, please?

Mr. Blaikie: Don't finish it until you have heard Hon. Members on it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Would the Hon. Member please let me finish? The point of the Hon. Member is well taken. The Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap has a question and comment on the speech of the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner), and I would like the House to direct itself accordingly.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Hon. Member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner). In terms of the excellent points which he was making and in terms of making a case as to why this motion should come to a vote today to stop the advance of the plans of CN in terms of environmental concerns, the concerns of native people and of the fishery, which were articulated, like so many other of his points, so extremely well, is my understanding of the result of the vote we have just had correct? The Conservatives voted unanimous-