

Business of the House

Mr. Coldwell: And I suggest to you that the demonstration in this house over the past week has shown that the majority has no respect for the views of the minority.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker, we appeal to you to protect the minority against the oppressive majority.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

An hon. Member: Hitlerites.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The matter of order before the house at the moment is one that I brought up myself. Of course, hon. members would wish to debate this matter that I have raised myself. I do not know what more hon. members wish. I do not know what more they can ask for at this moment. I am submitting to them the matter of order which I believe it is my right to submit—

Some hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Coldwell: No.

Mr. Speaker:—and it is their right to decide. Well, the hon. member says no.

Mr. Knowles: It is the right of the government to call the order that it wants called and I submit that you should wait until the government decides what order it wants called. If it wants to call order No. 2 it is the government's right to do so, not yours.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member knows very well that if he looks at the business of the house for last evening it was indicated that the business would be to go back on the pipe-line debate with the house in committee of the whole. I rose at the moment the deputy clerk was to read order No. 2. He had said, "Order No. 2" and was proceeding to read it.

Mr. Knowles: What does it say? What does order No. 2 say?

Mr. Speaker: That is exactly the point I intend to submit to the house at the moment. I do not know why hon. members should discuss with me a matter of order which I raised myself and which is on all fours exactly with the one they want to raise themselves.

Mr. Diefenbaker: You are our protector, that is why.

Mr. Speaker: What could be more democratic?

Mr. Knowles: Will you hear me on a point of order?

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

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

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: There is a matter of order which I put before the house myself. What I intended to submit to the house is that in neglecting to submit at once to the house yesterday the report of the chairman of the committee on an appeal from his ruling by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) I made a serious mistake and the house should not suffer any prejudice or detriment on my account, and that the house, which is master of its own proceedings, should be placed in exactly the same position as it was when I resumed the chair yesterday to submit the chairman's ruling to the house. Those who are in favour of this course of action will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Drew: But, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it; call in the members.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Hail, hail, the gang's all here.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that you will do nothing—

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Has the Prime Minister no control over his followers?

Mr. Fleming: This is organized disorder on the part of all Liberals in the house.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker, are you not going to call order?

Mr. Speaker: There is nothing before the house at the moment.

Mr. Knowles: There is no house.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Speaker, this is a demonstration on the part of all Liberals in the house which shows a great disrespect for authority. I protest against this. Parliament has ceased to function.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Where is the Prime Minister? Is he silent in the face of this demonstration?