NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE (PROHIBITION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Consideration in Detail

Referral to Select Committee - Amendment to Motion

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting on the amendment moved by Mr M.F. Board to the motion moved by Mr P.G. Pendal.

Point of Order

Mr P.G. PENDAL: Correct me if I am wrong, but I do not think we are at the point of consideration in detail at all. We are actually dealing with an amendment. We had not gone into consideration in detail when I moved that the matter be referred to a select committee. The matter now before the Chair, I think, is the amendment to my motion which was moved by the member for Murdoch.

The ACTING SPEAKER: I am advised that we are in consideration in detail and the amendment moved by the member for Murdoch can actually be moved at any time between the second reading and the end of consideration in detail. As advised, I believe that is quite in order.

Question to be Put

Mr J.C. KOBELKE: I move -

That the question be now put.

Mr P.G. PENDAL: Mr Acting Speaker -

The ACTING SPEAKER: I understand that I cannot allow debate on this motion.

Point of Order

Mr M.F. BOARD: Mr Acting Speaker, could you clarify exactly what position we are at. The Leader of the House has moved that the question be put, and the question before the House is my motion to amend to the motion. Is that correct?

The ACTING SPEAKER: That is correct. That is exactly as I understand it.

Question to be Put Resumed

The ACTING SPEAKER: The question is that the question be now put.

Mr P.G. Pendal: You are an absolute bloody disgrace, Kobelke.

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr J.C. KOBELKE: I do not find the member for South Perth’s behaviour offensive, because I categorise him as someone who would use that language, but I consider it unparliamentary. I think that sort of swearing at me across the Chamber should be withdrawn.

Mr P.G. PENDAL: I withdraw the word “bloody”. I repeat: it is a disgrace what this Leader of the House has done. He has gagged debate and he has denied the opportunity of the person -

The ACTING SPEAKER: I do not believe this is a point of order. I take it that the member has withdrawn that remark.

Question to be Put Resumed

Question put and a division called for.

Bells rung and the Committee divided.

Mr P.G. Pendal interjected.

Mr J.C. Kobelke interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: I suggest that the member for South Perth take this conversation outside the Chamber. It is not necessary, while we are waiting on a division, to have that sort of conversation across the Chamber. I would ask that the member keep his remarks to himself.

The division resulted as follows -
Amendment to Motion Resumed

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr J.P.D. Edwards): Members, the question is that the words to be deleted be deleted.

Points of Order

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: We have just dealt with a motion that was before the House. It has been put and voted on. Under standing orders, we have now reached the time for private members’ business. I am under the clear impression that business is interrupted at four o’clock for private members’ time, which we have now reached.

Mr J.N. Hyde: Standing orders were suspended, though.

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: No, they were not suspended. The member has no idea. He was out of the Chamber when they were suspended.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, the question was put and voted on. The very next action that I must take is to put the amendment. Once that is done, regardless of the time, we will move to private members’ business. I must put that the words to be deleted be deleted. Once that is voted on, that finalises it.

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: Could I just clarify that? The Acting Speaker is saying that in order to go to private members’ business, the amendment that was moved to my motion by the member for Murdoch must be put. Once that is disposed of, we then go to private members’ business, and the substantive motion will remain on the Notice Paper.

The ACTING SPEAKER: That is as I understand it.

Amendment to Motion Resumed

Amendment (deletion of words) put and negatived.

Motion Resumed

Debate interrupted, pursuant to standing orders.