

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: I do not think I have made any utterance ridiculing anyone, with the possible exception of once.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Just a moment ago you said to Mr. Tucker, "Well, that is a queer argument for a lawyer to make."

Mr. MARTIN: From one lawyer to another.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: You are talking about lawyers ridiculing laymen. If lawyers ridicule one another it is a case of dog eat dog and you laymen may just as well keep out of it.

The CHAIRMAN: We will take a recorded vote.

Mr. VIEN: Mr. Chairman, it would be in order to say those who are in favour of the adjournment will say "yes" and those who are against will say "no" so the answers will be recorded correctly.

The CHAIRMAN (After calling the names): I declare the motion lost. Are there any other questions you desire to ask the witness?

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. I should like to ask him one or two questions. Mr. Forsyth, in appearing before the committee at the invitation of the committee, you did so in regard to this matter in the light of the small loans business as it is now being carried on?—A. That is right.

Q. Your studies, I think you said, date back how many years?—A. About three. I have been studying for about three years, but more intensively the last year, just before the Senate met last year.

Q. The pamphlet, which is exhibit 2, was written by you when?—A. Just before the Senate committee met last year; the date was, I think, April, 1936.

Q. You have been carrying on your investigations since then?—A. Yes.

Q. And did I understand you to say that you had changed your opinion somewhat from what is expressed in the pamphlet?—A. I have, yes.

Q. And that you have concluded by your studies that a somewhat lower rate of interest than that disclosed in the pamphlet may be effective and satisfactory?—A. Yes.

Q. And all the deductions that you have made are based upon the fact of the operation of this business as it is now being operated?—A. Yes.

Q. In your evidence to-day and in the suggestions which you have made, did you have in mind at all the possibility of some other system being found for the satisfying of the needy borrower?—A. As a matter of fact, Mr. Stevens, I have conducted my investigation on the basis of using machinery that is being used elsewhere to-day. That is the thing I was thinking about.

Q. In your opinion the answers in the evidence you have given apply to the business as is?—A. Yes.

Q. Would you care to express an opinion borne out of your investigations as to the possibility of some other system that might give needy borrowers loans at a lower rate of interest?—A. Well, I cannot say that there is no other system—there are several instrumentalities, if that is the word—it is not the word I want to use.

Mr. JACOBS: Agencies.

The WITNESS: Agencies is the word I want to use, yes, that might under some scheme of general legislation be more or less correlated. For instance, the Credit Union, I think, fills a useful place in this business; but so far as I have been able to discover from my investigations of it I do not think that the Credit Union can fill the bill entirely.

Q. You think it might fill a portion of the field?—A. I do.

Q. Have you studied the rural credit acts of this or other countries for the purpose of extending facilities to the rural residents?—A. I know something about it, Mr. Stevens. I have not gone into them in detail in connection with this business, but I know something about them.