

business men to realize that it is good business, entirely apart from the question of ethics, to play ball and to be fair with their customers; and when I learned in evidence that they have not taken any court proceedings against any of their debtors, that they have not distrained chattels, that they have not sent solicitor's or bailiff's letters in an endeavour to make collections, I am firmly convinced that this company is one which should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

Now, I also realize that in this type of business where high interest rates are necessarily charged because of the services which are rendered it is extremely important that the question of watered stock and excess profits and all that sort of thing should be very, very closely scrutinized, and it is for that reason that I am making my amendment, if I can get a seconder, to this clause of the bill. My amendment is as follows:—

That section 2 be amended by adding thereto the following: provided that no capital stock shall be issued for accumulated profits or any consideration other than actual cash.

The CHAIRMAN: We do not need a seconder for that, Mr. Cleaver.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: It is not an amendment to the motion before the Chair.

Mr. CLEAVER: If Mr. Tucker consents it will have to go in now.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Tucker cannot consent to anything that is a violation of the rule.

Mr. CLEAVER: He can withdraw his motion.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: With the consent of the committee only.

The CHAIRMAN: Is this matter properly before the committee?

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: If I should have to do it formally—I do not wish to do it—I thought calling attention to it would be sufficient—I submit that this motion which Mr. Cleaver has presented is not an amendment to the motion before the Chair, but would properly be considered after the motion before the Chair to strike out the clause has been disposed of.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose the chairman would be in order to read what Mr. Cleaver proposes, which is: that section 2 be amended by adding thereto the following: provided that no capital stock shall be issued for accumulated profits or any consideration other than actual cash.

Mr. VIEN: I think Mr. Stevens' point is well taken, if Mr. Stevens insists on it, that Mr. Tucker's motion be put to the committee. There is a motion before the Chair, and that motion is that section 2 be struck out.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure, gentlemen? Let us vote on it.
(A standing vote having been taken the chairman declared the motion lost.)

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I would ask that the vote be recorded.

Mr. TUCKER: What was the vote—five to eight?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. TUCKER: We have not got a quorum then.

Mr. KINLEY: They did not all vote.

Mr. WARD: It is not necessary to call all the names.

The CHAIRMAN: How do we decide whether we call the vote or not? What is the rule of the committee?