

The CHAIRMAN: I have not any motion.

Mr. BRYCE: Yes, you have, Mr. Blackmore's motion that we adjourn.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, that is not in writing. The motion is, that in addition to any other witnesses to be heard your committee should call and hear evidence from representative Indian delegates on their desires and opinions with respect to bill 79. And the amendment appears to be, substitute after "that" of the main motion "this committee is of the opinion that no further evidence is now required for our purposes, but that we recommend that further consideration be given to the Indian Act in two years' time." I would think, especially that latter clause, would certainly be an amendment.

Mr. FULTON: May I point out the latter clause, the one which you have just read, is something which should be considered by way of a resolution when the committee has before it for consideration its report to the House. It is, in my submission, a direct negative of my motion which is now before the committee, that representative Indian delegates should be heard. The resolution presented by Mr. Simmons is not to hear Indian delegations but rather that this committee is of the opinion that no further evidence is now required for our purposes; which is a direct negative of the subject matter of my resolution; and I submit, therefore, it cannot properly be tabled as an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: No, I do not think so. I think your motion is that you want to call and hear evidence right now. This amendment is that we don't do it now, but that further consideration be given to the Indian Act in two years time. To that extent it is an amendment, and I so rule. That has nothing to do with evidence or any representation.

Mr. FULTON: That is a matter which should be considered when we are drafting our report to the House. We might make a recommendation in our report to the House on a matter of this kind, but it is not a proper subject for a motion at this time at all. You have not called a meeting with respect to our report to the House.

The CHAIRMAN: My ruling is that this is an amendment.

Mr. FULTON: Then, Mr. Chairman, I must protest your ruling.

The CHAIRMAN: All those in favour of the amendment? Opposed?

I declare the amendment carried.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Could we have a recorded vote on that now, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: All right. Please answer as follows: all those in favour of the amendments will say "yes"; and those contrary will say "no".

(Recorded vote was taken at this point.)

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: Will the letter which I placed before the committee on the first day of our sessions be read to the committee, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. FULTON: Can we have a vote on the motion, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: The motion is that the—I thought you were talking about a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fulton. The motion as amended? Do you want to put that?

Mr. FULTON: I suppose that would be the correct and proper procedure. I do not know how it amends my motion.

The CHAIRMAN:

This committee is of the opinion that no further evidence is now required for our purposes, but that we recommend that further consideration be given to the Indian Act in two years' time.

All those in favour?