

committee should report back to the house that the bill was rejected. That would be a proper motion, but this motion did not do that. Therefore I think we should proceed with our business.

The CHAIRMAN: We are still questioning the witness. Has anybody any questions?

Mr. WHELAN: I have one question. I am not a legal person, and I may not use the correct terminology. But would you not say that this motion was more of a delaying or mischievous nature than anything else?

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): I think that is a leading question.

Mr. AIKEN: I think that was a facetious question. I would like to ask something serious.

Mr. NUGENT: I have one question. Whatever you may say about the legality or the effect of the motion last week, the witness has told us that there is no doubt about what the committee's motion indicated last week. The committee made a decision to proceed no further with this bill. Yet what is proposed today would be to reverse that decision, which is contrary to the rules. Is that not right?

Mr. OLLIVIER: It was the intention to do that last week, but it was not done in a proper fashion. You can renew your effort to do it by making a report to the house to the effect that the bill be not proceeded with.

Mr. NUGENT: It still has the effect of reversing a decision made last week, has it not, if we change it now?

Mr. OLLIVIER: It might, or it might not.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): We have already reversed the decision of last week by meeting here this morning. The meeting last week was that the committee adjourn, yet here we have met again this morning. Therefore we have reversed that motion. If there was anything to the motion, that is all there was to it.

The CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

Mr. AIKEN: I want to ask a rather serious question. If, as a result of what Dr. Ollivier said this morning, the committee cannot report so long as the sponsor does not agree—

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): That is not what he said.

Mr. AIKEN: I am sorry. This is in effect what he said: that we cannot report as long as the sponsor desires to continue with the bill.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): That is not what he said at all!

Mr. OLLIVIER: There is something in what Mr. Aiken says. If the sponsor of the bill does not want to proceed with the bill, he is not obliged to continue. But there would still have to be a report to the house. When it is a private bill the sponsor does not have to proceed with it. But it cannot be done simply by moving that the Chairman leave the chair. You have to report to the house.

Mr. AIKEN: I have not yet got to my question. I was prefacing it by saying that Dr. Ollivier said that the committee could not report until the sponsor of the bill had agreed to it, or until the committee had completed its examination.

Mr. OLLIVIER: No. I said that if the sponsor did not want to proceed, he has the right—he is the only one who can say "I do not want to go ahead with this bill." However the committee, if it agrees with him, may report that it should not be proceeded with further. But they still must make their report.