

This is an entirely different situation from the situation that we discussed on Tuesday. An amendment has been brought in. We have had little chance or opportunity to study it, and that is the point I am making. We are now forced to debate and enter into a brand new arrangement of which we, as a group, had no prior knowledge. Individuals were informed. We, as a group, were not informed.

This has absolutely nothing to do with the commitment I made last Tuesday, and I deeply resent the implication that I am breaking my word in this case.

Senator Olson: If that is a point of order, honourable senators, there is a new interpretation being put on it. I believe that you gave a commitment that you are ready to pass this motion today.

Senator Doody: You are wrong.

Senator Olson: Am I? Now you are not living up to your commitment, and you are finding some tricky little way of getting around it by saying that it is a new motion. It is a more restricted motion than it was before. I will not go on with this, but I am just telling you what I think.

An Hon. Senator: Let us get on with the vote.

Senator Olson: So you want to get on with the vote. I think there is a new pattern that will come out of this that may not be so satisfactory to the government and their supporters in the future. But if you want to get on with it, look back to page 2370 as to what was agreed to. It says:

Senator Doody: It is already agreed.

Do not tell us what you did not agree to.

Senator Doody: I know what I agreed to.

Senator Olson: You are treading on pretty dangerous ground if you give an undertaking to a member such as Senator Argue and then waltz on it.

Senator Doody: Honourable senators, I do not know how we can make this point clear, but what we have before us right now is not what we had before us on Tuesday. No stretch of the vivid imagination of my honourable friend opposite can convince the world that black is white and round is square and this is the same thing that I made a commitment to on Tuesday.

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Senator Frith: This is less than what you made a commitment to.

Senator Doody: But it is not the same, is it? Have we had a chance to look at it?

Senator Frith: Apparently you have.

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, yesterday we had complaints that the Senate should not proceed without seeing *Hansard* for the previous day. Today honourable senators opposite want to vote on a motion which has not been distributed. All honourable senators have not seen the motion. I find it a strange coincidence that it is necessary to see *Hansard*

before proceeding and not necessary to see a motion that is before the Senate.

Senator MacEachen: Ask Senator Doody for it. He has my copy. Let's have the vote!

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, if no other honourable senator wishes to speak, I presume that what we have been doing for the past few minutes was holding a discussion on the relative points of order, and there have been a number of them. The question before the house is the amendment proposed by Senator Corbin—

An Hon. Senator: No, the adjournment!

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: I put the question on the adjournment and it was refused. I asked for yeas and nays, and the nays had it, so the adjournment was refused.

The motion now before the Senate is the amendment proposed by the Honourable Senator Corbin, seconded by the Honourable Senator Olson. Is it the wish of the Senate that I put the question?

Senator MacEachen: Question!

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Those in favour of the amendment—

Hon. Efstathios William Barootes: Honourable senators, I think the amendment is debatable, is it not?

An Hon. Senator: Of course it is.

Senator Barootes: May I speak on the amendment proposed by my friend, Senator Corbin?

Senator Olson: Of course.

Senator Le Moynes: D'accord.

Senator Barootes: Thank you. Honourable senators, I have looked at this and have tried to figure out just how it will work. I know very little about procedure, but I will read the amendment:

That a special committee of the Senate be established to examine Canada's health care system and report upon the role that preventative medicine and other preventative measures, together with the provision of a wider range of health services—

It says "a wider range of health services", not just "preventative measures".

It goes on to say:

—can play in providing a more effective health care system, thus contributing to the health, happiness and longevity of Canadians; and further to examine how such an improved health care system might modify or control the ever increasing costs of health care.

The areas that concern me are the words "the provision of a wider range of health services". It does not say "beyond preventative measures." The other area that gives me a great deal of concern—and I say that because I have sat on such committees—is how these provisions "might modify or control the ever increasing costs of health care."