

Mr. FULTON: Why not say "refer it to the appropriate committee"?

Mr. WRIGHT: I suggest we leave this over until we find out who are the appropriate people.

Mr. CROLL: I am informed it is the Internal Economy and Expenditures Committee of the Senate.

The CHAIRMAN: Well then, let us say ". . . to the Internal Economy and Expenditures Committee of the Senate or the Internal Economy Committee of the House to decide."

Mr. SINCLAIR: Then Mr. Wright's motion is back in order.

The CHAIRMAN: No, because the Internal Economy Committee is not a standing committee of the House.

Mr. SINCLAIR: But on the Senate it is—then what about the library? The library is run by a joint committee of both Houses.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, I will probably be accused of having delayed the proceedings of the committee, but I think we should leave this open and try to get agreement among the legal authorities on the wording.

Mr. KIRK (*Digby-Yarmouth*): Before you leave that, could we have Mr. Sellar comment on Mr. Sinclair's last remark?

Mr. SELLAR: Mr. Chairman, I have been discussing this with hon. members around me and I think Mr. Sinclair is wrong.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Good.

Mr. SELLAR: He says that if the Speaker makes a payment that is not in my opinion correct, six months later it will appear in my report. I say no: that under the Act the Speaker has a statutory discretion and whatever he decides is right, and I have nothing to say about it. I may be wrong, but that is my impression.

The CHAIRMAN: We will try to iron it out during the dinner recess.

At this point I should say that Mr. Macdonnell had asked for the privilege of putting a few questions on Crown corporations' powers.

Mr. MACDONNELL: I hope that is not a privilege.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is, because what I told you in a way amounts to giving a privilege because you are not dealing directly with the bill we have now.

Mr. MACDONNELL: But I asked earlier at what point I should speak. There must be some place where we can discuss the powers of Crown corporations.

Mr. SINCLAIR: In their Act.

Mr. CROLL: Mr. Chairman, may I suggest to Mr. Macdonnell that the powers of Crown corporations are discussed on the floor of the House—and they are either extensive or narrow.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Speak on the matter when their bills of incorporation are being presented. We might just as well discuss the powers of various ministers in departments under this bill.

Mr. CROLL: As I recall it, in the last four or five years we have had crown corporations. There have been bills before us wherein the powers were set out and they varied from time to time, depending upon the kind of work these corporations intended to do. The Maritime Commission was one, and I think Polymer was up one time.

Mr. MACDONNELL: Just looking at it for the moment, let us take clause 83. I let clause 83 go past with the understanding that this question of powers could come up.

Mr. CROLL: It is all right with me to bring it up.