

this House, is going pretty far in the way of obstructing the legislation which the other House puts through. I should like an expression of opinion from the House as to whether they would like to deal with this question in that way or not.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I rise to a point of order. The amendment to the amendment is a negative, and is out of order.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON—All I ask the House to do is to express a definite opinion as to whether the Senate should insist on this amendment or not.

The House divided on the original amendment which was adopted by the following vote:

CONTENTS:

Honourable Messieurs

Baird,	Forget,
Béique,	Landry,
Boucherville de,	Macdonald (Victoria),
Bowell	McLaren,
(Sir Mackenzie),	McMullen,
Cartwright	Owens,
(Sir Richard),	Power,
Chevrier,	Ross (Halifax),
Derbyshire,	Ross (Middlesex),
Dessaulles,	Roy,
Edwards,	Scott (Sir Richard),
Ellis,	Wilson.—22.

NON-CONTENTS:

Honourable Messieurs

Boyer,	Poirier,
Coffey,	Ratz,
De Veber,	Talbot,
Domville,	Tessier,
Farrell,	Thibaudeau,
Jaffray,	Thompson,
McHugh,	Watson,
McSweeney,	Yeo,
Mitchell,	Young.—18.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I move that under rule 66 a committee of three senators be appointed to prepare reasons for insisting on our amendment. I move that the committee consist of the Hon. Mr. Beique, Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and the mover.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—After we have just taken an expression of opinion on this matter of conference, I think at least one gentleman who voted on the opposite side ought to be on the committee. It seems to me it is like going with loaded dice to select three men for the conference who

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have just pronounced themselves in favour of insisting on these amendments. If we are going to have a conference, it would be better to mix up the committee, because some hon. gentlemen have very strong opinions averse to this opinion, as just expressed by their vote, and I certainly would suggest that some hon. gentlemen, who voted the other way, be placed on this committee, for all the wisdom is not locked up in the breasts of those who voted in the majority. I would move that Hon. Mr. Bostock be placed on the committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman is generally pretty astute and clear about things; but in the present instance is entirely astray. My motion was not for hon. gentlemen to go on a committee of conference, but to prepare a reason; and surely the members who voted in the majority are the persons to prepare the reason. When it comes to appointing a committee of conference, then, of course, there will be a representative from the opposition.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I would prefer that the hon. gentleman would substitute Senator Longheed's name for mine, as he is leader of this side of the House, and I am sure he is quite in accord with the majority of the House.

Hon. GENTLEMEN—He is not here.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—He will be here at six o'clock.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The matter had better be dealt with right away.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I have no objection.

The motion was agreed to, and the committee retired to frame the reasons.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I suppose that is done with the permission of the House, because no committee can sit while the House is in session.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—This is not a committee. It is a conference.