

The CHAIRMAN: The votes were counted. I have the count from the clerk. Mr. Tucker, please let us get on.

Mr. TUCKER: I counted and there were who voted that the rule should not be sustained.

The CHAIRMAN: I accepted the report of the clerk.

Mr. McGEER: Can't we have a recorded vote?

The CHAIRMAN: Some of the members have gone out. Please let us get on.

Mr. McGEER: No, no; I asked for a recorded vote. Surely this committee is not going to conduct its affairs in that way.

Mr. MARTIN: You are helping us.

Mr. McGEER: No, I am not helping you. I think that this ruling, without going back to it, was a ruling on nothing; because it was a ruling before I made the motion that I propose to make when this recorded vote is taken. All I want to ask is the right of a member of this committee to have a recorded vote on that vote. I am surely entitled to that.

Mr. MARTIN: Some of the members have gone out.

The CHAIRMAN: Some of the members have gone out.

Mr. McGEER: That does not matter.

Mr. MARTIN: It certainly does matter, you can't bulldoze us that way.

Mr. TUCKER: A member of a committee certainly has a right to ask that a vote be recorded. The fact that a member leaves the committee before the vote is recorded I submit does not prevent the recorded vote being taken. That is obvious.

Mr. QUELCH: They are all present.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Jacobs was here, but he is not here now.

Mr. McGEER: He was not here.

Mr. MARTIN: He certainly was.

Mr. McGEER: In any event, I think we should have a recorded vote.

Mr. MARTIN: We certainly are not going to have a recorded vote unless the members are here who voted.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: When a vote is being taken there is nothing allowed to intervene in the taking of the vote; and I respectfully suggest to you that when a recorded vote is asked for it should be taken.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, a vote was taken and the clerk reported to me the number of those who voted. It was declared a tie. The chairman voted in favour of sustaining the ruling of the chair; and then some of the members of the committee, very obviously, left the committee room. Now then, it is up to you to decide.

Mr. VIEN: On the point of order: I would suggest that the time to ask for a recorded vote is when the question is being put; whether it shall be a standing vote or a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes?

Mr. VIEN: And therefore it is no longer in order to ask for a recorded vote at this time. The request for a recorded vote should have been made when the chair was putting the question.

Mr. McGEER: No. The purpose of a recorded vote is to check the scrutineer. Mr. Tucker has questioned the correctness of the vote, and he asked at once for a recorded vote; and that surely is the right of a member of a committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. McGeer, that is very obvious; but the request was not made until some members of the committee had left the room, in my opinion at any rate.