

Veterans Allowance Act. The committee will remember that at that time it was the consensus of opinion of all persons speaking on behalf of all parties in the House that if the terms of reference were not widened we could not deal with anything except these bills that were referred to us and it was particularly pointed out that we would not be able to deal with the War Veterans Allowance Act.

I think that the members, who included the leading members of the opposition parties of this committee were correct in taking the attitude that unless our terms of reference were widened we would not have any right to deal with anything except the bills in question and it seems to me we are bound by our terms of reference.

I would refer briefly to Beauchesne—I have my notes upstairs and I did not take time to mark it in this book.

Mr. GILLIS: Why bother with Beauchesne; why not use common sense?

The CHAIRMAN: The citation is 634 on page 188 of the second edition of Beauchesne:

A committee is bound by, and is not at liberty to depart from, the order of reference. (B.469). In the case of a Select Committee upon a bill, the bill committed to it is itself the order of reference to the committee, who must report it with or without amendment to the House.

And it goes on to indicate here how definitely that rule should be applied in select committees. I will not go into that matter any further because I think every member of the committee speaking in the House indicated that that was his understanding of the terms of reference we received. Now, that being the case, and as we have not the right to consider anything but the bills referred to us and as I pointed out before we have already considered those bills and reported them, it seems to me that we now have no power to do anything further except report the evidence to the House. Obviously, if I am right on that, gentlemen, the motion of Mr. Goode's, although I dislike very much—

Mr. PHILPOTT: Mr. Chairman, before you put your ruling on the record, I would like to say I think that while this committee knows I am entirely in agreement with Mr. Goode's motion, as I think practically everyone in this room is, it seems to me that as a result of certain discussions that have gone on here—I at least have held from the beginning, both in the house and in this committee—that there are other ways than this particular way of having this committee express its strong moral support of increased pension allowances and a higher permissive ceiling, as suggested by the Canadian Legion and other veterans organizations; and, therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say before you make your ruling that even if you do put your ruling, which I intend to support, if we work for it there is other action by which this committee can accomplish just as effectively by another method what Mr. Goode and Mr. MacDougall hope to accomplish by their resolution.

Mr. BROOKS: Let us hear what is going to happen to the resolution.

Mr. GILLIS: I do not think that there is any necessity for Mr. Goode's resolution. I think he realizes that. I think this report if adopted, in the second last paragraph, covers the intention Mr. Goode and Mr. MacDougall had in their resolution. If I had put that resolution before the committee I would be prepared to withdraw it in the light of the proposed report.

Mr. QUELCH: I think that the proposed report does accomplish the same thing as Mr. Goode's motion and is more in line with the terms of reference.

Mr. GOODE: Mr. Chairman, before you make your ruling I think that I should say something. The intent of this motion was to support people who Mr. MacDougall and I represent in British Columbia. There is a feeling on the part of the veterans in Burnaby-Richmond that something should be done with respect to war veterans allowance and they suggest that the basic rate should