

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The Government, in acting as it is doing now, has treated the Senate with contempt and strangling their own child. If they want to kill this Bill, they should not kill it here by stifling it.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I understand that when no motion is made the Bill remains on the Order for the Day.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Let it remain there until next session.

The SPEAKER—There is no motion at all. The Bill is amended by this House, in its last form.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—It will remain on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—No, the order is complete.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It is not complete.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It will remain.

The SPEAKER—In what way?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—Anybody can move at the next sitting of the House for the message to be sent.

The SPEAKER—How can anybody move for a message to be sent about something that is not on the Order Paper?

Hon. Mr. KERR—There is a motion before the House. The leader of the House moved a motion when he presented this Bill this afternoon; that is how it came.

The SPEAKER—The motion of the hon. leader of the House as moved is that this House does not insist on its amendment. That carried as amended. Well, this House does not insist. There is another move to make.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—But that move can be made either now or at the next sitting of the House.

The SPEAKER—It can be made at this sitting of the House, if the Government or anybody takes up the question and makes a motion, but we cannot put it on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—My recollection of the practice, when I had the honour of being in the Chair, was that the House having taken the last step, and having given an answer to the message from the Commons, the Chair as a matter of course ordered a message to be sent to the House of Commons. I would like His Honour the Speaker to look up the point and see if it

is not the duty of the Chair to order that the clerk carry the message to the Commons.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The House having expressed its opinion on this question, its decision should be carried out. The hon. gentleman who had charge of the Bill declines to make the necessary motion to communicate our decision. Then it is the right of the hon. gentleman from Toronto to make the motion.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Is there any necessity for the motion?

Hon. Mr. POWER—Yes. Perhaps the hon. Speaker could make the order without any motion. Still it is better that the hon. gentleman from Toronto should make it.

The SPEAKER—There was never a Speaker so diffident as I am.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I was inquiring as to whether it was necessary to make a motion now, or whether the motion would be in time if made at the next sitting of the House? We have received a message from the House of Commons refusing to accept that particular amendment, and the House has now decided that it does not insist on its first amendment, but substitutes another amendment. It will be open to the Commons to agree to that or not, and that message must be sent. I hope the hon. leader of the Government will reconsider his decision, and at the next sitting of the House will move that a message be sent to the Commons.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I would like to say that my remarks with reference to a member of the Government were not attributed to the hon. gentleman who leads this House. They were more particularly directed to the Postmaster General who is responsible for the legislation, because he apparently is bound to force this provision through, fastened up with other provisions in the Act which some people would like, and my remarks with regard to the conduct of the minister of the Cabinet in presenting this Bill in this shape was not a reflection on the leader of this House.

The SPEAKER—If I do not order that a message be sent to the House of Commons it is because I do not feel that I am ordered to do so by the Chamber. If the House wants me to make the order I will give it, but when the leader of the Government declines to make the motion I cannot take upon myself to do it.