

The CHAIRMAN: All right.

Mr. McGEER: We are not passing on amendment 5 yet surely. I have been discussing sub-section 4.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: That may be, but you gave up the floor and Mr. Stevens got it and moved the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Stevens moved the amendment which I think properly before the committee. What is your pleasure in regard to the amendment?

I declare the amendment carried.

Mr. Stevens had another amendment to bring before the committee.

Mr. McGEER: You seem to be in a lot of hurry here.

The CHAIRMAN: We are not in a hurry, Mr. McGeer.

Mr. McGEER: This is the important thing in this case you know. What I have been trying to get is some information from the Department of Justice, Mr. Chairman, and I may be labouring under a delusion as to what the Department of Justice is for.

The CHAIRMAN: What is the information you want.

Mr. McGEER: I think it might be available to give us an interpretation of the meaning of the laws that have been on the statute books for several years. I thought, with my rather limited experience, that when members of a committee wanted to be put in a secure position as to the legal meaning of a certain section which they had under consideration in committee that they had the privilege of bringing someone in from the Department of Justice who is competent to give an opinion on that piece of legislation.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: Might I rise to a point of order? That question was raised this afternoon. It was discussed by the committee and voted upon, and it was voted down. I submit, therefore, that it is out of order to raise this question over again.

Mr. LANDERYOU: The resolution voted down was simply to prevent what they called stalling.

Hon. Mr. LAWSON: No, no; it was proposed here that we call upon the Justice Department to come here and give an opinion.

The CHAIRMAN: I agree with Mr. Lawson.

Mr. McGEER: The motion was to adjourn.

Mr. MARTIN: You were not here. You could not tell us.

Mr. McGEER: It was one of those double pitted motions which was out of order to begin with.

Mr. MARTIN: You were not here.

Mr. VIEN: I rise to a point of order, there is a point of order before the chair.

The CHAIRMAN: I rule that point of order properly taken; that the matter is not now before the committee.

Mr. McGEER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think before you make that ruling—

Mr. VIEN: It is made.

The CHAIRMAN: I made a ruling, Mr. McGeer. You may appeal from my ruling if you wish.

Mr. McGEER: I do appeal from that ruling.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is; shall the ruling of the chair be sustained? Those in favour please rise. Those opposed.

It is a tie. I declare the ruling of the chair sustained.

What is the next order of business?

Mr. TUCKER: I think the vote should be counted.