

At that time we could come to a decision as to the disposition of the bill and the type of report we would like to make. This would also permit us to do our business in a reasonably short time.

Mr. Nugent, Mr. Aiken and Mr. Klein have indicated to me that they wish to speak.

Mr. NUGENT: I thought Mr. Olson had merely raised a point, and Mr. Aiken agreed with him. It does seem to make sense that if the committee says wind it up, then we have finished the deliberations and there is no apparent disregard for the rules. The motion, as amended by Mr. Cameron, is likely to be acceptable to the committee at large; all we have to do is put the motion. We would then be finished; I do not think there would be discussions. This actually is what we want to do.

Mr. AIKEN: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to point out a moment ago that my motion was made in order that we could discuss it and then vote upon it. Perhaps we may not be prepared to vote upon it today. If we are not, then we can vote upon it at the next meeting. I merely say that during the course of that discussion it would be in order for members to say we have not finished yet, that we want to hear other people. Or it would be in order to say that during that discussion if the committee unanimously agrees, the general intent of the brief you have sent could be read into the proceedings, and we could then conclude our determinations. My motion was merely to bring the discussion to a speedier conclusion.

Mr. KLEIN: It seems to me there is perhaps general agreement that some aspects of this bill have merit whereas the bill itself as it now stands does not have merit. I would suggest that you appoint a small committee, of perhaps four members.

The CHAIRMAN: A steering committee?

Mr. KLEIN: No, not a steering committee. Perhaps a legal committee could be appointed to redraft this bill or amend this bill, in consent with Mr. Whelan, in a form that might be more acceptable to the committee. In its present form it is not acceptable.

Mr. MOREAU: In connection with the time schedule—and I think this is what Mr. Nugent and Mr. Aiken were concerned with—I wonder if we might not print the brief of the processors as an appendix and ask the bankers association to have their brief ready. If we had a brief from them to include next week, and if then we heard from the deputy minister of agriculture, perhaps we might conclude the business in one meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt the proceedings again to say I had this in mind, and I think I sensed the wishes of the committee when I said that I would not accept this motion immediately, that I would like to obtain guidance to ensure that this was in order at the present time. In the meantime, while I am doing that, I would call a meeting of the steering committee. What we might do today is accept a motion for the Canadian food processors association brief to be printed as an appendix. Would this be the general wish of the committee?

Mr. MOREAU: I so move.

Mr. SCOTT: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: It is agreed that we would not ask the Canadian food processors to send witnesses?

Mr. McLEAN (*Charlotte*): I would like to hear from the processors. They have an antiquated system of doing business and I would like to hear from them.