

The CHAIRMAN: It is really an extension of their authority, but not of their spending authority. In other words, if spending authority means the amount, there is no extension of it.

Senator HAIG: It is a reallocation.

The CHAIRMAN: It is extension of authority within departments.

Senator GROSART: It refers only to expenditures already authorized by Parliament.

The CHAIRMAN: If it is agreeable, then, the words "refers only to expenditures already authorized by Parliament", may be inserted at the foot of the page.

Senator GROSART: In other words, all they are asking for is the right to go ahead and spend the money when it has been authorized, instead of getting someone to say, "Yes, you are within the vote."

Senator BAIRD: It is like a general manager within his department.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Senator GROSART: Mr. Chairman, this may sound like quibbling, but the phrase "executive government" is used in several places of the committee's report. It is to be found twice in paragraph 6 on page 2, and also in paragraphs 12 and 13 on page 3. It is an Americanism, and may be realistic, but it is not a phrase which has yet constitutional recognition in Canada. We speak of the Cabinet. The fact is that the executive in Parliament is one of the distinctive features of our Constitution.

The CHAIRMAN: This is a phraseology which appears in English constitutional history, and in Canada. It is used frequently in the Glassco Report.

Senator GROSART: I will not quarrel about it, but I do not like the phrase "executive government" in connection with our Canadian constitutional system.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you prefer the word "Cabinet"?

Senator GROSART: Yes, the Cabinet, or the Government. Why put in the word "executive"?

Senator POWER: Could you not put in the word "executive" as well as the word "government"?

The CHAIRMAN: That might be the best way of all—put "executive" with a capital "E" just as does the Glassco Report.

Senator POWER: I do not like the expression "executive government" either.

The CHAIRMAN: Then for the word "executive" in "executive government" wherever it occurs, substitute the first letter "e" with a capital "E".

Is it agreed that the report of the committee be presented in the Senate?

Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: When I present the report in the house this afternoon, if the Senate so wishes, I shall try to make an explanation thereof, but would like to have the debate adjourned, so that we can continue discussion next week, if necessary, and I would be happy indeed if any other members of the committee would speak to the report.

Senator HAIG: I will move the adjournment of the debate, if you wish.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well. Some other senators may wish to contribute to the debate.

Senator LAMBERT: I should like to have an opportunity to read the printed proceedings of this meeting, in order to consider more carefully the suggestions of my friend.

The committee adjourned.