

*By Mr. Vien:*

Q. And it would take time to evolve such a scheme?—A. Not very long, perhaps.

*By Mr. Plaxton:*

Q. Have you had many complaints in connection with the operation of the Bankruptcy Act, Mr. Reilley?—A. Well, they are becoming less and less. There have always been complaints; that is, complaints come in in regard to matters which we are asked to make investigations into. I do not think I have had any complaints in regard to the general administration of the Act under our supervision and so on. The particular cases arise which I am asked to investigate in the nature of complaints.

*By Mr. Vien:*

Q. If a general reference were made giving this committee power to investigate the Bankruptcy Act, the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Winding-up Act at this session, would you be in a position properly to advise the committee in that respect at present?—A. Well, it would depend on how long the session is going to last.

Q. Let us assume that it would adjourn around the 1st of July. I do not know any more than you do about that, but it is a fair assumption, I think.

The CHAIRMAN: You are an optimist.

*By Mr. Vien:*

Q. Or say before the 1st of July. Would you think that the committee would have time to give proper attention to these matters?—A. I doubt if it could. I doubt if it could unless it were to meet every day and all that sort of thing, and get proceedings back and forward to parliament. I do not think it could hardly do it.

The CHAIRMAN: May I ask a question there? Is it the opinion of the committee that the Banking and Commerce Committee is the proper committee in which to deal with bankruptcy?

Mr. VIEN: I think it comes under this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I am instructed that the last time the matter was under revision, it was referred to a special committee.

Mr. VIEN: A special committee?

Mr. MARTIN: That is what I agree with.

Mr. BAKER: There is power given by parliament to deal with this special request in this; why not then leave the general revision of the three acts until the next session, because it looks on the face of it to be too big a question to attend to this session. Would it be safe to go ahead with this item, or should it be put in with the others?

Mr. HOWARD: I would like to know what assurance Mr. Baker has that there will be a next session.

Mr. VIEN: At any rate, it will be for parliament to decide that. I think our report cannot be in other terms than what has been suggested by Mr. Stevens. I agree with Mr. Stevens that we have to report that this bill, whether it is withdrawn or not—

Mr. BERTRAND: It is withdrawn.

Mr. VIEN: It should be so stated. Mr. Bertrand, the sponsor of the bill, declares to the committee that he withdraws the bill. Is that correct?

Mr. BERTRAND: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you please repeat what is right?