

series of clauses or the preamble, are moved as amendments to the bill; and no question is put for each clause standing part of the bill."

In the Committee of the Whole the motion is to adopt a Clause. At that stage if an honourable Member moves an amendment that the Clause be deleted, it is an expanded negative. However, at the Report Stage there is no motion to adopt a Clause and a motion to delete stands by itself, so we have an absolute motion.

What the honourable Member is suggesting is not an amendment to a clause but a motion to amend or in effect modify the bill itself. For this reason I respectfully suggest to the honourable Member that the precedents to which he has referred are not applicable to this stage of the proceedings.

I might also say that I am worried about the possible consequence which would result from a decision that this motion is out of order. If there were three clauses to a bill and there were three motions moved by three honourable Members, each one of them feeling that for good reasons the particular clauses should be deleted, the Chair would then have to rule that these three motions, having as a consequence the loss of the bill, would not be acceptable. This example would indicate that it would be very difficult to make a distinction between a motion to amend a bill which contains only one clause and a motion to amend a bill which contains two, three or more clauses. For these reasons I would be inclined to think that the motion proposed by the honourable Member for Waterloo (Mr. Saltsman) should be accepted by the Chair.

I thank honourable Members for their valuable contributions. If it is felt that this interpretation of the rules results in difficulties, I suggest that honourable Members who take part in the deliberations of the procedure committee should give the situation further thought.

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The Hour for Private Members' Business expired.

A Message was received from the Right Honourable J. R. Cartwright, P.C., M.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker went with the House to the Senate Chamber.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported that when the House did attend the Right Honourable the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General in the Senate Chamber, His Honour was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

An Act respecting the marking of articles containing precious metals.

An Act to amend the Aeronautics Act.

An Act to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

An Act to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act.