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Report of Committee on Church Union was presented by Russel Treleaven, Esq.

Whereas, we, the members of the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist Church believe that spiritual freedom is an inherent right of the Church and that the Church has authority to legislate with regard thereto through its properly organized courts.

And whereas the proposed amendment to the Church Union Bill now before the Dominion Parliament refuses to recognize the right which we believe to be absolutely essential to the functioning of the Church.

and whereas the long period of negotiation has necessarily retarded Church enterprizes and has witnessed the creation of Many Union Churches, the relation of which, to the negotiating bodies is precarious.

And whereas the further delay involved in the reference to the Courts proposed in the amendment will intensify a situation which is rapidly becoming unbearable, creating disappointment and confusion in many congregations and will embarrass the administrative, educational and missionary work of the Churches.

Moreover we cannot conceive that the Bill fails to make just and generous provision for the rights of any non-concurring minorities and that it does not sufficiently safeguard the administration of trusts.

Therefore we feel constrained to affirm our unalterable conviction that the amendment to the preamble cannot be accepted as fulfilling the duty of Parliament ^{to} of the Churches, petitioning for the incorporation in the United Church of Canada, and we hereby record our belief that by granting the simple measure of justice which we request our Country may be saved from prolonged religious chaos and confusion.

Moved by Russel Treleaven Esq. seconded by Rev. C. D. Draper, that the report of Committee on Church Union be adopted.

Carried unanimously by standing vote.