

The CHAIRMAN: We want to be fair to everyone; we want to have this fully discussed.

I said this morning that my thought last week was that if we adjourned for a couple of weeks, then perhaps we would not have the restrictions on us that are necessary at the present time. The restrictions are such that it is hard on the chairman to try and keep the members from saying something they should not say, asking questions they should not ask, and answers being given that should not be given. That is what I said this morning.

I do not know how the committee feels. It is up to the committee entirely. Do we have this motion?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Question.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one thing clear before we vote. I certainly am going to vote in accordance with what I understood, and believe now, to be the recommendations of the chairman of this committee, who has discussed this matter with the Minister of Justice and with the law officer of the crown.

It is a most amazing thing for us to proceed—

Mr. CAMPBELL (*Stormont*): It is not an amazing thing at all.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): —in the face of this situation now, with the Minister of Justice not being here to confirm or deny the position taken by the law officer of the crown and so ably and honourably stated by the chairman of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Martin, you put this on my shoulders, and I do not think you should do that. As chairman, I am only here to try and keep the members in line and to try and give fair decisions. But in this matter it is entirely one for decision by the committee itself. They are the ones who have to decide what they want: it is not for me to decide.

Mr. DRYSDALE: Question.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Question.

The CHAIRMAN: Therefore, I think that the only thing to do is to put the motion. It has been put before. Now the question. Those in favour with the committee continuing with its considerations? Those in favour will kindly indicate.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Sixteen yeas.

The CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

Mr. DRYSDALE: Only one hand there, Mr. Denis.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Seven.

Mr. JOHNSON: How many conservatives, with Mr. Fisher?

The CHAIRMAN: Yeas, sixteen; nays, seven. Motion carried.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Mr. Chairman, I would just like to give an explanation—

The committee has now decided in this proceeding to continue the inquiry, and the chair has asked us to carefully observe the proceedings that are taken outside. I am sure that we all will endeavour to do that, but I want it clearly understood that in taking the position that we did, we were not supporting a desire to stifle this inquiry, because we want the fullest inquiry. Now that the committee has decided on that, there will be the fullest endeavour made by those of us sitting in this group to have the fullest inquiry.

The CHAIRMAN: I hope, Mr. Martin, that every member of the committee will see that a full inquiry is made of every phase of the administration of the Jacques Cartier bridge and the Victoria bridge.