

honourable senators see fit to pass these amendments to the rules the necessary revisions will be made by the officers of the Senate.

May I conclude by reading an extract from a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice of the High Court division of the Supreme Court of Ontario:

The courts are not to be used in that way. I have suspected at times that there was a great deal of carelessness about these preliminary investigations that must be made before an order goes, and the plaintiff made an affidavit that she made every effort, when she had not been to the obvious source of information.

This has reference to the co-respondent. Let me assure honourable senators that very grave carelessness is frequently to be charged against the solicitors who bring cases before our committee, in the preparation of cases and in the getting of the necessary, requisite and just information. I think the proposed changes in the rules will help the committee, first, to dispense justice, and, secondly, to give service to those who come before it.

**Hon. Mr. Farris:** May I ask the honourable senator who assisted him in drawing these rules?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** As I stated in my opening remarks, and also made clear when I laid this report on the Table in the first instance, they were drawn by the Clerk of the Senate, Mr. MacNeill; the Law Clerk, Mr. Hopkins; and the Chief Clerk of Committees, Mr. Armstrong. I wish to make it clear that these amendments were drawn by those gentlemen—I did not draw them.

**Hon. Mr. Farris:** But they were drafted with your counsel and advice, I feel sure.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** To some small extent. The work was done in the interim between last year's main session—not the recent special session—and the beginning of this session. Last year we passed a resolution asking these gentlemen to review the Rules and to submit a memorandum with respect to the amendments they proposed. What I laid on the table a week ago was their report embodying the amendments, without change by me or by any other members of the Committee, either by way of elimination or addition.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Aseltine, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 29, at 8 p.m.