

Mr. HABEL: You did not give that last week.

Mr. BASFORD: I want to ask one question for Mr. Aiken's benefit. These standing committees can at any time say when they have considered a bill sufficiently to give an opinion; can they not?

Mr. OLLIVIER: Yes, by order to report.

Mr. BASFORD: By motion to the subcommittee on agenda.

Mr. OLLIVIER: Yes, you follow the instructions you have received from the house and you act in obedience to those instructions.

Mr. SCOTT: I want to ask one question because Mr. Aiken has raised a point that worries me also. From the citation you read to us, would you say at any time a private member of a committee can move a motion that we report non-concurrence with a bill?

Mr. OLLIVIER: I suppose you have to go through the process of the committee. You cannot do so before the bill has been discussed. The bill has to be given that serious consideration for which it was sent to the committee. You cannot just arrive in the committee and say "We will not consider it. I move we report immediately to the house."

Mr. SCOTT: Perhaps I am not making myself clear. We have been debating this bill for some weeks now.

Mr. GRAY: I want to raise a point of order. I do not think we have started debating it.

Mr. SCOTT: We have been considering this bill. Suppose I were to think that we had given due consideration and I then moved a motion that we report non-concurrence.

Mr. OLSON: The citation does say that the Chairman of the standing committee—

—will not accept a motion reporting a bill to the house before its consideration has been completed by the committee.

Surely the committee itself would have the right to determine when it had completed its hearings?

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): I would like to move that all further discussion on the report of the subcommittee now cease.

The CHAIRMAN: We have a motion before us.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): This has the effect of moving the previous question.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and you, with all your previous experience, realize this is not in order.

Mr. KLEIN: I submit that by so moving we are now back in committee and we proceed with the motion. If the Chairman has the right to move on this, then we are back in operation in this committee and we should move to the motion of Mr. Gray immediately.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Klein's opinion might fall into the same category as Mr. Nugent's opinion last week. All I have ruled is that I could not, at this time, accept a motion having the effect of putting the previous questions.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): I submit Mr. Klein is perfectly right in that having made a ruling you have reinstated yourself in the chair; we have reverted to the position of last week.

Mr. MORE: I would like to raise a point of order while Dr. Ollivier is here. If the effect of our action last week was an adjournment, is another motion not out of order? We have our business; should we not be proceeding with it? Is a motion not out of order if all we did last week was to adjourn?