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Mr. RAYMOND (Translation): I was paired with the hon. member for St. Antoine (Mr. Bell). Had I voted I would have voted against the Speaker's ruling.

Mr. DUBUC (Translation): I was paired with the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Black). Had I voted I would have voted against the Speaker's ruling.

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri) (Translation): I was paired with the hon. member for West Hamilton (Mr. Bell). Had I voted I would have voted against the Speaker's ruling.

Mr. CHEVRIER (Translation): I was paired with the hon. Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Manion). Had I voted I would have voted against the Speaker's ruling.

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): I beg to move the following amendment:

That the bill be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the committee of the whole with instructions that they have power to amend same so as to safeguard the sovereignty of parliament over Canada's financial policy.

Mr. BENNETT: There is no difficulty about that being out of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: My recollection is that the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has already spoken.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I have not yet spoken to the third reading of the bill. I know that some gentlemen on the government side suggest that it is out of order anyway.

Mr. BENNETT: I desire to raise the question as to its being in order. The amendment does not direct the house to do any specific thing. On the third reading, as I pointed out a moment ago, it is desirable, nay, it is necessary and incumbent upon those who move an amendment, to do one of two things, either to negative the motion for third reading or to move that the bill be read this day six months hence.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I submit that the resolution does ask the committee to do a very

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specific thing, namely, to safeguard the sovereignty of the parliament of Canada.

Mr. BENNETT: We say that is done.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: That is a matter of judgment, but it does not affect the point of order. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Rhodes) earlier in the discussion, when an attempt was made to move an amendment, had the following to say, as reported in Hansard of March 8, at page 1291:

Mr. Rhodes: That is the only principle. The point whether this bank should be publicly or privately owned as well as questions respecting the numerous other details incidental to the bill are matters of detail which can be dealt with by way of amendment in the regular course as we proceed in committee on banking and commerce, or in committee of the whole house, or upon motion on the third reading of the bill.

With that understanding we then postponed the amendment. Now we find apparently that there has come a change in the mind of the government and that the Minister of Finance was quite wrong and that no amendment can be made on the third reading of the bill, looking to the public ownership and control of the bank. I submit that it is a very serious matter if, on great general principles, we are not permitted to have any voice when it comes to the third reading of a bill such as this. I contend, with regard to this particular point of order, that there is a very specific thing which we ask that the committee should do. It is quite true the Prime Minister thinks it is not necessary; that is natural. Some of us think it is necessary, but it is a specific thing which we ask should be done, and I submit on a point of order that this motion is really in order.

Mr. BENNETT: Will the hon. gentleman move the adjournment of the debate, leaving the matter as it stands, in order that, with the consent of the house, I may move the resolution which we agreed would be presented some time before the house rose?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Yes, Mr. Speaker; I shall be glad to move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

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Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): With the consent of the house I