

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jean): It is resolved that a sum not exceeding \$2,083.33 be granted to his majesty for the purpose set out in the item. It is now moved in amendment by the hon. member for Victoria, Ontario, that the amount of \$1,500, as annuity for the former auditor general, be reduced to one dollar.

The question is on the amendment. In my opinion the ayes have it, and the amendment is carried.

Mr. VIEN: Count the votes.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jean): Those in favour of the amendment will please rise.

Mr. McNEVIN: This has been settled. The Chairman has given the results. The matter was settled, and the decision announced.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jean): But an hon. member has asked for a standing vote.

Mr. STIRLING: Too long after the announcement was made.

Mr. VIEN: I am asking for a standing vote.

Mr. McNEVIN: I would point out that when a vote is demanded, five members must rise in their places. In this instance they did not rise.

Mr. VIEN: No, that is not the rule in committee. In committee the vote is taken by a standing vote. And I am asking that this vote be taken by a standing vote.

Mr. HOMUTH: It seems to me that the decisions in committee depend entirely upon whether or not the chairman of committees is in the chair or whether he is sitting as a private member of the house.

Mr. VIEN: When the chairman of committees says, "In my opinion the ayes have it", any member of the committee may ask for a standing vote. I am asking for that standing vote.

Mr. HOMUTH: And you will get it.

Mr. STIRLING: What is before the chair?

Mr. VIEN: Those in favour will stand.

Mr. HOMUTH: Who is running the committee, anyway?

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jean): After a decision being made by the chairman of the committee, I believe it is the right of any hon. member to ask for a standing vote. I believe some hon. members in the com-

mittee would like to have a standing vote. Therefore I ask those in favour of the amendment please to rise.

Amendment agreed to: Yeas, 36; nays, 27. Item as amended agreed to.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

52. Departmental administration, \$286,590.

Mr. STIRLING: I believe the Minister of Finance is the member of the government responsible for operations under the foreign exchange control board. I would draw the attention of the minister and the committee to the utter inequality in connection with the findings of that board.

In the morning issue of the *Ottawa Journal* there appears a reference to an article which appeared in the *Windsor Star* and which I shall paraphrase shortly. It refers to the fact that the federal exchange control board objects to citizens of Windsor going across to Detroit to see the Tigers play the New York Yankees, while citizens of Toronto are permitted to send their money to the United States to pay for watermelons, peaches, plums, grapes, et cetera. We have made several attempts to impress upon the government the extreme situation which results from the findings of the foreign exchange control board. Our expenditures are curbed if we want to go to the United States, or if we want to pass through that country en route from one point in Canada to another. Enormous sums of money are being used for the purchase of perishable products produced in the United States, when the same products are produced in Canada and available for sale. I have not dealt to any extent with my own province, but the minister knows that the constituency which I represent takes in the Okanagan and other valleys in which these fruits are produced. I received a letter to-day which I should like to place upon the record. It is from the Southern Cooperative Exchange, dated July 30, 1940, addressed to myself, and reads:

We, a group of fruit growers, are much exercised about the present state of the peach deal in western Canada.

Our sales office, the British Columbia Tree Fruits Limited, of Kelowna, B.C., informs us that there were twenty-five (25) cars of American peaches in Winnipeg over the week-end, and that they are excluding our produce from the market, practically altogether, as far west as Regina.

Also, in Vancouver, there are truck loads of American peaches coming in and retailing at prices that we consider would be less than the cost of production to us, if we have to meet the competition.

We are convinced that the American producers, etc., only consider the Canadian markets as a dump market, and anything that they can