

The CHAIRMAN: On section 71, page 22, the amendment is as follows: substitute "person or organization" in place of "undertaking or service", in line 33.

Mr. FLEMING: I subscribe to that.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 71 as amended carry?

Carried.

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, we are ready on section 60.

The CHAIRMAN: That was approved yesterday.

Mr. CLARK: Oh, yes. We are not ready on section 38.

Mr. FRASER: Did not sections 38 and 39 stand?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. The officials will be ready tonight to give us information on these.

The committee adjourned to meet at 8.30 p.m.

#### EVENING SESSION

The CHAIRMAN: Order, gentlemen. We have with us this evening the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott. I wonder if the committee will agree that we should proceed with the minister or would you prefer that we should clear up the only three items that are outstanding still to be definitely approved of. We have only section 31 (6), on page 11, and 38 and 39, on page 13. As the minister may be busy, perhaps we had better hear him right now.

Mr. SINCLAIR: My understanding was that these sections were held over because we wanted to hear the minister on them.

The CHAIRMAN: Not necessarily in the case of 31 (6), but especially for Mr. Wright who has some questions to ask about the wheat board, as to why it was not included. Is it the desire of the committee that we should take the items and look into them item by item?

Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: All right, section 31 (6), on page 11. The matter was brought to our attention this afternoon that there was nearly a crime committed in that Mr. Wright's motion brought our attention to what we had done yesterday when we stated in line 46, page 11 that the matter should be referred to the attention of the appropriate select standing committee and it was decided that was wrong because no standing committee can decide anything, it can only report to the House. Now, I am in duty bound to submit two amendments, and probably we can then decide which we prefer. I saw the law clerk of the House and he proposed one, and in the meantime the solicitor for the treasury brought in another one. The one which came from the law clerk of the House was this:

That all the words after "the" in line 43 be deleted and the following be substituted therefor:

. . . Senate, the House of Commons or the library of parliament he shall report forthwith to the minister who shall draw the matter to the attention of the Senate, or the House of Commons as the case may be or to both the Senate and the House of Commons in cases respecting the library of parliament, for appropriate action.

Now, that is one version. Another one which comes from the solicitor for the treasury would substitute an entirely new subsection which I will read to you now: