

some doubt as to the regularity of a motion on the question from the Chair: "Shall the Bill pass." We will suppose that the Bill is at the third reading. The hon. leader moves that the Bill be now read the third time. The hon. gentleman from Delanau-dière moves in amendment the motion he has on the Notice Paper; then it is not in order for the leader of the House to move another amendment, because it is an amendment to his own motion.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—It is not inconsistent with his own motion.

HON. MR. POWER—Whether it is inconsistent or not, I think it would be better to have the thing done in a way that no question can be raised about it afterwards. It is perfectly open to any other hon. gentlemen to move the sub-amendment besides the leader of the House.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—The question the hon. gentleman put is a fair question, but as the motion I make does not conflict in any way with the motion I made for the third reading, and is not inconsistent in any way with the motion for the third reading, I think it is within my right to move it. It is not an amendment to the Bill at the third reading, but to say that the proviso remains in the Bill, and the reasons for it. I do not desire even to appear to be acting in a way that is of doubtful legality, and if Mr. Smith will allow the amendment to stand in his name it would be beyond all question of doubt.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I object to that. If there is a disposition not to do justice on my side of the question, I do not see that I should continue to be so good a Frenchman all the time as to submit to everything that is done. It is evident that the hon. gentleman who moved the third reading of the Bill cannot come in with a sub-amendment to his own motion. During the 26 years I have been in Parliament I have never seen any such practice, and unless I am shown by authorities that it is parliamentary I cannot believe that I have received justice at the hands of this House.

THE SPEAKER—I merely call the attention of the House to the fact that it is laid down clearly that amendments are not only moved on the motion for the third reading of the Bill, but may be moved

after the third reading of the Bill has been agreed to, and before the question: "Shall the Bill pass."

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I have too much respect for the ruling of the Chair to object to that, but I say that before the end of the Session I shall bring the question before the notice of the House, because I know the practice is followed every day. Sometimes gentlemen in this House are occupied with something else when the third reading of the Bill is carried, and the member interested rises and objects, and the Speaker does not insist on the third reading having passed.

HON. MR. SCOTT—The House is anxious that the hon. gentleman should move his amendment.

THE SPEAKER—If the House is willing to consider this an amendment to the motion for third reading there is nothing in the Rules against it.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—What I object to is the amendment to the amendment.

HON. MR. HOWLAN—The motion of the leader of the Government is for the third reading of the Bill; the motion of the hon. gentleman in amendment is that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House to be amended. If the yeas and nays are taken on that motion, how can another amendment come in, looking for the same provision? If the hon. gentleman's motion in amendment is lost, the Bill is then carried on the third reading.

HON. MR. POWER—No.

HON. MR. HOWLAN—The sub-amendment is moved to do what? To put a proviso in the Bill. When you vote yea and nay upon the amendment of the hon. gentleman from Delanau-dière, if it is carried it must go back to committee; if the amendment is lost the Bill must remain as it is.

HON. MR. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman forgets that the proposition of the leader of the House is, that all the words after "that" in the motion in amendment shall be struck out, and then the proposition submitted to the House is, that the words added by the hon. leader of the House shall form part of the Bill. That is prac-