

Then, on the point the hon. member has in mind, there will be opportunity in the discussion of suggested amendments to section 17. Surely, however, this discussion should be in the proper place.

Mr. GREEN: On that point, the hon. member for Lake Centre contended that section 27, if passed, would override the orders in council passed last December, and he was quite in order in making that submission. There has been no suggestion that he was out of order, and several other hon. members have spoken on the same subject. It is on that point I wish to speak. I submit to you, Mr. Chairman, and to the committee, that I have a perfect right to do so.

This section purports to confer certain rights, and I propose to deal with the question of—

Mr. MARTIN: It does not deal with rights, at all.

Mr. GREEN:—whether or not it overrides the orders in council.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): I believe the hon. member is out of order in discussing government policy in connection with the Japanese when this section is before the committee. I believe he will agree with that.

Mr. GREEN: I certainly do not.

Mr. HACKETT: Is it not within the right of a member to discuss the effect of this section? That is all the hon. member is asking to do. His argument is that if this section be passed one of its effects will be to annul what we call an order in council, or legislation now existing. With great respect I submit that is one of the elementary purposes of discussion, namely to find out the effect of legislation to be enacted.

Mr. COLDWELL: Other hon. members having been allowed to discuss this problem, and having in mind the manner in which the matter has been raised, I think in all probability the hon. member might be in order in discussing it now. But may I respectfully submit to him and to other hon. members that there is bound to be a discussion when the amendment moved by the hon. member for Lake Centre is before us. It seems to me we would save a great deal of time if we tried to discuss this matter at one time.

No doubt the hon. member for Vancouver East and Vancouver South will make fairly lengthy speeches, and I can see something coming over the face of the hon. member for New Westminster which might indicate that he will have something to say.

[Mr. Martin.]

Mr. REID: The hon. member is right.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: And Fraser Valley.

Mr. STEWART: And Winnipeg North.

Mr. COLDWELL: Can we have those speeches on the section where there would be no doubt as to their being in order.

Mr. MARTIN: On section 17.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): I have no desire to curtail debate, but I believe it is the duty of the Chair to have members deal with the sections under discussion. There was a lengthy debate on the principle of the bill before we went into committee. The question now introduced has been discussed repeatedly, not only in connection with this bill, but at other times. However, I am in the hands of the committee, and it must decide whether the hon. member for Vancouver South shall discuss the matter now, or wait until the committee discusses the amendment offered by the hon. member for Lake Centre. Either procedure would be satisfactory to me.

Mr. MARTIN: Last night we held over two sections so that this very matter could be discussed. Section 17 was set aside particularly for that purpose. The same procedure was taken in connection with section 16, although I thought it had no relevance. When we come to that I shall have something to say by way of some additions. In view of these facts I suggest that is the way we ought to leave it.

Mr. GREEN: May we have section 27 stand?

Mr. MARTIN: No, we cannot let every section stand. We left two standing last night, so that this matter could be discussed, and so that I could give consideration to a matter mentioned by the hon. member for Vancouver South. There will be ample opportunity for discussion, as the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan has said. I would suggest with great respect that we pass this section, and later come to the others before the close of the day.

Mr. GREEN: I have a suggestion to make to the minister respecting an amendment which I think would meet the situation.

Mr. MARTIN: In connection with section 27?

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): If the hon. member is about to move an amendment to the section, he is in order.