

Mr. OLLIVIER: Which one is it?

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is in May's. Order, order, order. Would you please address the Chair.

Mr. BOULANGER: I was going to raise a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe it is in May, Citation No. 655. I shall ask Dr. Ollivier to read it.

Mr. OLLIVIER: I now read from 655 of May's Parliamentary Practice, 16th edition as follows:

It is the duty of standing committees, as of all committees, to give the matters referred to them due and sufficient consideration. Accordingly, the Chairman of a standing committee will not accept a motion that the committee do not proceed further with the consideration of a bill from a member who is not in charge of the bill . . .

That is what I said, a member who is not in charge of the bill cannot ask that it be not proceeded with further. But that does not mean that the committee does not have the right.

Mr. AIKEN: But no one else can?

Mr. OLLIVIER:

. . . nor will he accept a motion for reporting a bill to the house before its consideration has been completed by the committee, or any other motion which conflicts with the obligations imposed on the committee by the house.

What I am saying is that the motion that the chairman leave the chair is a motion in conflict with the obligations imposed on this committee by the house.

Mr. AIKEN: I was not arguing against Dr. Ollivier's opinion. I was asking the supplementary question: Do we have to go on with this bill, and on and on and on, until Mr. Whelan decides he has had enough? Mr. Whelan is the only one who can move that the committee shall no further proceed.

The CHAIRMAN: Is this a question you are addressing to Dr. Ollivier?

Mr. AIKEN: He has answered.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Whelan, Mr. Boulanger, Mr. Basford and Mr. Scott have indicated they wish to ask questions.

Mr. Boulanger, do you have a question you wish to ask?

Mr. BOULANGER: Mr. Chairman, if the committee wants to be serious for one second, surely we have already asked enough questions and have had enough answers from our legal adviser. If we want to show we are serious and we are ready to proceed on this motion and take a vote, there is a time, and that time is right now. The questions that will come up will all come back to the same arguments and answers that we have been listening to here for an hour. I am sure that it is not out of order for me to ask that this be closure.

Mr. AIKEN: We have not finished our discussion yet.

Mr. BOULANGER: I do not want to be accused of trying to enforce closure on the members, but I am sure that many of the members of the committee know what they are doing and—

Mr. AIKEN: You knew before you came here.

Mr. BOULANGER: You will see that there will be no difference between the state of the discussion in the next ten minutes and now.

Mr. AIKEN: Good for you. You can wait another ten minutes. That is ten minutes more than the Liberals generally give us.