

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I do not think it would get us anywhere. It might be regarded by somebody as adopting the auditor's report as our own.

Mr. WILLIS: It was not said that this report was to be adopted as our report. They are two entirely different matters. I think this one should be received first.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: It is received in evidence now. I submit no motion is necessary.

Mr. WILLIS: We have a motion before this Committee which should be dealt with one way or another.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I was going to ask the mover and seconder to withdraw it.

The CHAIRMAN: What does the mover say?

Mr. STANLEY: The mover has moved.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: I do not think any disrespect will be shown to his memory by not putting it.

Mr. ERNST: Rule it out of order.

Mr. HACKETT: To bring it to a head, I move an amendment to the motion, by striking out the word "adopted" and inserting therefor the word "received" in its place.

Mr. SPENCER: I second that.

Hon. Mr. RALSTON: If I might say this, for the purpose of the record, I have no objection to voting for the motion with the understanding that it means only what has already been put in the report placed before the Committee, and that it does not bind me, at least, the other members of the Committee can speak for themselves, in any way to the conclusions set out in the report or in the findings.

Mr. BOTHWELL: I am exactly in the same position as far as receiving the report is concerned.

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard the amendment, gentlemen; what is your pleasure?

Carried.

Committee adjourned at the call of the Chair.