

do you think this bill will be reported to the house during this present session, and be adopted? Will it be possible to report the bill to the house at the end of this session?

The CHAIRMAN: Are you asking me to give my own personal opinion?

Mr. VINCENT: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vincent, I do not think you were here a few minutes ago when we read the report of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure. This report was adopted.

The effect of this report was that we would hear witnesses today and next Friday we would devote the time of the committee to a clause by clause consideration of the bill and preparation of the committee's report to the house.

You have asked me whether we will be able to report it. As I said, the committee this morning agreed to the adoption of this report. We have agreed to try and prepare a report and to have it ready following next Friday's meeting. It is possible that we will be in a position to make a report on the following Monday.

In view of the adoption of this report, I will call the steering committee together early next week to discuss the kind of report that might be made and submit it following the discussion of the clause by clause discussion of the bill next Friday.

What the house does with this bill I am afraid is beyond the scope of my prophetic powers.

Have you a question, Mr. Gray?

Mr. GRAY: In so far as the report which the committee will prepare and when it will leave this committee is basically within the power of this committee and, of course, after that it is up to the house.

Mr. AIKEN: I think Mr. Vincent is concerned over the possibility of not getting a report forwarded by this committee before the session ends. Also, I think he is concerned that if this report is not forwarded within a reasonable length of time this bill may just disappear.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I understood that, and I understand his concern.

As I said, the subcommittee's report was adopted just before Mr. Vincent arrived. I think it deals with the situation quite adequately. I am hopeful we will be able to deal with the report next Friday with enough celerity to give the house time to act on it before the recess.

Gentlemen, we will resume consideration at this time of bill C-5, to amend the Bankruptcy Act.

We are happy to have with us this morning Mr. P. R. Robinson, President of the Canadian Food Processors Association. Mr. Robinson is sitting on my immediate right.

Next to Mr. Robinson is Mr. Guy Limoges, president of the Quebec Canners Association. These gentlemen are representing their organizations and are prepared, I believe, to make a submission to us this morning and then to be questioned on their submission.

Mr. Robinson, would you be prepared at this time to read your brief?

Mr. P. R. ROBINSON (*President, Canadian Food Processors Association*): Yes, Mr. Chairman, if that is your wish.

Mr. AIKEN: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Robinson proceeds I believe we left the meeting last week somewhat confused over this whole situation.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Aiken, and I suggest we do not at this time return to the state of confusion which existed at that time.

Mr. AIKEN: As I said, Mr. Chairman, there was confusion over what happened. I want to go ahead with the witnesses this morning but I would like to have it cleared up for the sake of the record. I have not seen the transcript.