

ABSTENTIONS

THE HONOURABLE SENATOR

Le Moyne—1.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the main motion, as amended?

● (1510)

Senator Frith: The motion, as amended, has been carried. The amendment carries the motion. It is only if the amendment is defeated, Your Honour, that we have to put the motion again.

Senator Roblin: No, I do not think that is right at all. I think that is wrong.

Senator Frith: We go through this every time.

Senator Roblin: You had better get it right, then. The main motion, as amended, has to be put again.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: I am sorry, but I think I have to put the main motion, as amended.

It is moved by the Honourable Senator Argue, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator MacEachen, P.C.—

An Hon. Senator: Dispense!

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the main motion, as amended?

Senator MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, have you ruled that you have to proceed to put another motion?

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: My ruling is that I have to put the main motion, as amended, before the house.

Senator MacEachen: Have you dealt with the point of order raised by Senator Frith? I would like to hear the ruling based upon some authority.

Senator Frith: The motion is not whether the motion should be amended. That is not what we voted on. What we voted on was the amended motion.

Some Hon. Senators: No!

Senator Frith: Do senators mean to tell me that they are going to vote on it all over again? Are we going to vote on this twice? That is just the wrong procedure. We have been through this before. The amendment carries the motion.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: The obvious argument would be that if anyone wanted to move another amendment the question would have to be put on the new amendment.

Senator Frith: If there were such an amendment, yes.

Senator Flynn: We voted only on the amendment. Now the question is on the motion, as amended.

Senator Frith: Well, let us do it all over again.

Senator Flynn: It is not necessarily the same question.

Senator Frith: I hope that we just do it twice, not three times.

Hon. Henry D. Hicks: Honourable senators, I cannot understand the proposition of Senator Frith. I, for example, felt that the motion was improved by the amendment. Therefore, I voted in favour of the amendment. That does not mean that I think it is a good motion. That does not mean that we would not be free to move another amendment on which we could vote, and we must then vote on the motion, as amended, once, twice or three times. Therefore, the Speaker is absolutely correct in now ruling that he must put the question to vote on the motion, as amended.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, this is what I have decided: I have to put the main motion, as amended, again before the Senate.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the main motion, as amended?

Some Hon. Senators: On division.

Motion, as amended, agreed to, on division.

IMMIGRATION ACT, 1976

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED, PRINTED AS APPENDIX AND ADOPTED

Leave having been given to revert to Reports of Committees:

Hon. Joan Neiman, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, presented the following report:

Thursday, December 17, 1987

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the honour to present its

SIXTEENTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Immigration Act, 1976 and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, on November 3, 1987, respectfully requests that it be empowered to adjourn from place to place in Canada for the purpose of its examination of the said Bill.

Pursuant to Section 2:07 of the *Procedural Guidelines for the Financial Operation of Senate Committees*, the revised supplementary budget submitted to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the report thereon of that Committee are appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN B. NEIMAN
Chairman

(For full text of report, see Appendix "A", p. 2511.)