

because we have six matters referred to us, to get lost in the maze of the six when we want to discuss the first.

Mr. HILL: Before this bill is dealt with, I think we should have an assurance from some responsible authority as to what the government proposes to do to assist the farmers and fishermen, because otherwise it will come up continuously with reference to this bill. We have been told that the government was going to do something, but I think we should have some definite authority give us some definite assurance that something will be done to assist both the farmers and the fishermen.

Mr. ABBOTT: In the house several times I have reiterated the assurance that the government intends to propose at the present session of parliament measures to provide similar credit facilities for agriculture and housing.

Mr. HILL: You did not mention fishermen.

Mr. ABBOTT: I am not advised at the moment as to what provisions are contemplated with respect to fishermen. Whether that comes under agriculture or not, I do not know.

Mr. SLAGHT: And the same with regard to the miners of the country.

Mr. ABBOTT: And the lawyers. We may as well have assistance all the way along the line.

Mr. SLAGHT: I am serious in this.

Mr. MACINNIS: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, may I say that this matter is out of order. We are dealing with a motion made by Mr. McGeer that the Bank of Canada report be referred to the committee. We are not referring to other matters such as the agricultural bank, the fishermen's bank, or the lawyers' bank, as Mr. Abbott suggests. They have always had access to all the banks. Let us deal with Mr. McGeer's motion which is perfectly in order. It does not compel us to do anything; neither does it retard us from doing anything.

Mr. KINLEY: Mr. Chairman, I do not see any reason why the Bank of Canada report should not be referred to this committee, but it seems to me that the motion is premature and is going to confuse the situation with regard to the consideration of a definite thing, a bill for a definite purpose. I quite agree that we will, as the bill is considered, try to make it serve our constituencies, and I intend to advocate a ceiling on the bill so that no big industry can get most of the funds. I think we could very well consider the Bank Act after we have considered this bill, and for that reason I would be inclined to vote against the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you ready to vote on the motion?

Mr. CLEAVER: Is it your intention to call any witnesses today?

The CHAIRMAN: No, not today.

Mr. CLEAVER: Have we any reporter to-day?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we have now.

Mr. CLEAVER: If we are calling no witnesses today, I would move that we adjourn, because I do not think that we are getting anywhere.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, no.

Mr. McGEER: May I, Mr. Chairman, just say what I had in mind when I quoted this reference by Mr. Towers of the Bank of Canada to the unemployment problem. I heartily agree with the expression of opinion by Dr. Donnelly, but Mr. Towers is not dealing with the Bank of Canada in this report. He has gone away beyond anything that has to do with the administration of the Bank of Canada Act. He is giving to this committee, through parliament, and through this general report a very, very clear warning of the problem that