

The CHAIRMAN: I shall follow the practice of my predecessors and before we report this particular bill, or when we report this particular bill, we will include in the same report such resolutions as this committee may have taken with respect to this bill.

Mr. GREEN: Once we have passed the bill?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: Then would it be in order to deal with Mr. Cruickshank's resolution? I do not think it would be.

The CHAIRMAN: I have grave doubts about that.

Mr. JUTRAS: You are getting me all confused. I understood that this committee has no power to amend. I am quite clear on that.

The CHAIRMAN: So far you are not confused.

Mr. GREEN: To make a recommendation?

Mr. JUTRAS: We have no power to amend any section of the bill which involves an expenditure of money.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Mr. JUTRAS: And if a particular amendment which involved the expenditure of money is related particularly to a section of the bill, how then can it be in order?

The CHAIRMAN: We are not amending the bill in the committee.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I think we are talking around in circles.

Mr. CORRY: Well, you started it!

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: If I am given an assurance, Mr. Chairman, that the recommendation which I have made—I realize it can only be a recommendation, and Mr. Jutras, as usual, has not grasped it at all—yet even the new member realizes that a private member cannot expend funds and that it must come from the government. I certainly hope to have the privilege of being here a few years more, and I think that private members will realize that a private member is still privileged in making a recommendation; so if I am given an assurance by you, Mr. Chairman, that the substance of what I have said is included in our general recommendations at the end of our deliberations, then I will withdraw my motion.

The CHAIRMAN: I want to make it perfectly clear: In the first instance, the motion which you made, Mr. Cruickshank, is clearly in order, and if it carries at the present moment, then when we complete the discussion of this bill 181, and when I say: "Shall I report the bill?", and if the committee should agree, then we will have prepared, or I will have prepared a report to the House stating that the committee has considered bill 181 and has passed it without amendment, because we cannot amend it, and I will append thereto certain resolutions of this committee with respect to the bill.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: What is wrong with that?

The CHAIRMAN: If this motion before us is carried at the moment, it will be appended to that report; but if it is not carried, it will not be appended to that report. Let me get this straight: Once we have reported that bill, with or without recommendations, and proceeded to discuss another bill, and once that bill is reported back to the House, we are finished with that particular legislation. Our third or fourth report will have done that; and it would not be, I think, proper for me to permit a general resolution in our final report which would deal with whatever our last piece of business is. I think it is proper when we come to consider the report of this committee on this bill, for someone to move in this language, that same resolution. There is no question about that; it is just a question of whether you want to vote on it now or vote on it twenty minutes from now.