

ing that this bill is given second reading, does he not agree that matters of the kind he now refers to can be dealt with in committee, and that such of the board's powers as permit of these petty annoyances to our citizens can be deleted from the bill? As I sense the opinion of honourable senators, all are anxious to have the law so changed as to prevent annoyances of the type which he has cited and of which I gave an example earlier this evening.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I quite agree. In this big, broad measure to govern our relations with the United States there are a number of sections designed to give the Foreign Exchange Control Board jurisdiction over petty amounts.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: We can amend the bill to take care of those.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I know we can amend the bill, but I want to be reasonably sure that if I make representations to the committee they will be heard and accepted.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: If my honourable friend is looking at me, I will tell him that I do not think anything could be more ridiculous than that statement. I suppose he is asking me, as the government leader in the Senate, if I will guarantee to him that any amendments he may propose in committee will be concurred in by the government, whether the Senate accepts them or not. I never heard anything so ridiculous in my life.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I did not say that at all.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: That is what I understood from my honourable friend's remarks.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I was not looking at my honourable friend, and I did not even have him in mind. An honourable senator said we could amend the bill in committee. I want to be sure that if the bill goes to committee my amendments will at least be considered there, and that if they are not adopted by the committee they will be considered here on the motion for third reading.

Hon. Mr. VIEN: When the bill comes back from the committee everything can be further considered on the motion for third reading; and even after the third reading is given, on the question whether the bill shall pass.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I quite agree. But I would like to have it made clear that the board's power to confiscate amounts under \$100, without approval by any other authority,

will be stricken from the bill. I hope that the sections which require the postmaster and the customs officer in every town and village to take a look into every letter and parcel to make sure that nothing is being sent abroad without a permit—

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The honourable gentleman is telling the Banking and Commerce Committee what it has got to do, is he?

Hon. Mr. McGEER: No.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: He is not a member of the committee, but he is serving notice of what it has got to do.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: The suggestion has been made here that if we will vote for the second reading of this bill it will be amended in committee. The usual procedure is that if you vote for a bill on second reading you approve its principle, and then in committee you cannot make any amendment which would change that principle.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Why don't you admit that if we argued here till Christmas you would not agree with the principle of the bill?

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I am trying to get agreement, not with my way of thinking or yours, but as to the best way we can amend the bill after discussing it. I do not admit that I cannot be convinced on anything. As a matter of fact, I am highly pleased that I made the attack which I did when the motion for second reading of the bill was first before us, because we have already secured concessions which far more than justify the time spent on discussion. I believe there are still other concessions to be fought for and to be made in the name of Canadian liberty. What are we coming to—

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: That is what I would like to know.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: —when even a discussion on a matter of this kind is condemned? That is what I would like to know. Why is it condemned?

Hon. Mr. VIEN: I should like to point out that so far as I am aware no honourable senator is criticizing discussion of the principle of the bill. But I think it is the consensus of opinion that under our rules detailed discussion of the bill, section by section is out of order at this stage.

Hon. Mr. HOWARD: That is going to be done in committee.