

*By Mr. Cleaver:*

Q. Just one more question, if I may; referring to exhibit 3, Mr. Forsyth, I see that this is very carefully worked out, and I see that the average monthly rate charged on collecting by Central Finance including all service charges, interest charges and other charges is 2·263 per cent; would you follow that paragraph?—A. Mr. Finlayson is the one who got that statement out. I think it is right. Mr. Finlayson says that is correct.

Mr. VIEN: Would you mind giving me just a second? So that we shall have no further difficulty in respect to a quorum, I would move that when this committee adjourns it stand adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that your pleasure?

Motion agreed to.

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Q. You have verified that?—A. I observe that.

Q. And that the rate per month charged by the Discount & Loan company for the same amount is 2·339?—A. That is so.

Q. And that the rate charged by the Industrial Loans per month is 2·383 per cent?—A. Yes. I think you would have to adjust that because certain insurance income I think is taken into that.

Q. So far as the borrower is concerned these are the prevailing rates?—A. I understand from Mr. Finlayson—he prepared this statement, I did not—I understand that these rates that these calculations are based upon the loans being all chattel mortgage loans, and that you consequently must adjust the rate of the Industrial Loan company by deducting 1·48, which leaves their rate at 1·67.

Q. The figures I have given are correct as to Central and as to Discount and Loan?—A. Yes, Mr. Finlayson says yes.

Q. From that it is very clear that the rate which your company has been quoting is quite as much as the rate quoted by Central Finance?—A. Oh, certainly, yes.

Q. And this proposed legislation would reduce the rate to be collected by discount and loan by a fifth, and would reduce the rate to be collected by your company in the same amount?—A. I do not think that is so.

The CHAIRMAN: Not this legislation; this legislation, as I understand it, applies to only the one company.

Mr. CLEAVER: Yes, it would reduce Central by one-fifth.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

The WITNESS: I do not think that is so. I think you would have to know what type of business they were going to do; because certainly this legislation will increase the rate in the higher brackets.

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Q. I am quite content, I will leave that with the statement as filed, exhibit 3?—A. You can't leave it with the statement as filed and ask me questions about it, because I tell you the rate increases in the higher brackets.

Q. The percentages shown on this statement are on all brackets?—A. The high bracket loan rate has had an increase.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, while Mr. Forsyth is being examined certain questions were asked affecting Mr. Finlayson, and I suggested that we hear from Mr. Finlayson now.

Mr. TUCKER: I would like to examine Mr. Forsyth on some statements of my own.