Mr. Young (Beaches-Woodbine): I appreciate the

minister's response, Mr. Chairman, which is in the tradition of veterans affairs ministers around here. I would simply encourage him to do that, to lessen the

anxiety that these veterans have at the present time.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Chairman, I wish to make a quick point that the minister may want to examine. The Corps of Commissionaires and all security services are the responsibility of the Department of Transport. The Department of Transport has delegated the handling of the Corps of Commissionaires to the RCMP, but it is still the responsibility of the Department of Transport and I do not think they should get that kind of treatment.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Chairman, I would like to advise the House that the Minister of Veterans Affairs did tell me that the matter was going to be raised. We certainly appreciated the notice, because it gave us an opportunity to do a quick investigation into the situation.

I should tell my hon. friend at this moment it is my personal opinion, and I will get to it one of these days, that a lot more work could be done around airports by commissionaires than the RCMP. That happens to be a view I hold. However, from the security aspect of it, the RCMP in its wisdom uses commissionaires, which I fully encourage. I do not know anything more than the specifics which the hon. minister gave to the House. As has been indicated, we will certainly look into it further.

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The Deputy Chairman: Shall Clause 1 carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

On Clause 4

The Deputy Chairman: We have an amendment to clause 4.

Mr. Merrithew: Mr. Chairman, I believe you will receive the unanimous consent of the Committee of the Whole to include all of those ten amendments to be read automatically into the motion amending clauses as we come to them. So, we would assume Clause 4 would read "Clause 4 as amended".

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The Deputy Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall Clause 4, as amended, carry?

Some hon, members: Agreed.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: There are two amendments to Clause 8. Shall the clause, as amended, carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: There is an amendment to Clause 15. Shall the clause, as amended, carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

On Clause 16

Mr. Merrithew: Mr. Chairman, we have had discussions, of course, with the veterans groups as we indicated prior to the introduction of this bill. This was meant to cover all aspects of retroactivity. The veterans groups indicated some concern with that. We think that, because of their concern, it would be better at this time that we delete Clauses 16 and 24. The government will vote against Clauses 16 and 24 since amendments are not in order.

The Deputy Chairman: Are Clauses 16 and 24 negatived on division?

Mr. Benjamin: Let us get unanimous consent first. If it is withdrawn, we have to have a vote.

The Deputy Chairman: Let us do it this way. Is Clauses 16, first, negatived on division?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Clause 16 negatived.

Clauses 17 to 23 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 24 negatived.

Clauses 25 to 27 inclusive agreed to.

On Clause 28