

of Alberta. I will read parts of his ruling: "On the matter of whether this amendment can be received at all, I would draw honourable Members' attention to Beauchesne's 4th Edition, citation 291,—

Which was the citation I was going to use in dealing with this amendment. "When the House is considering a motion, of which notice has been given, for the appointment of a select committee, a member cannot move in amendment that the committee be given wider powers than those which were set down in the notice".

Later in his ruling Mr. Speaker Michener quoted a previous ruling by Mr. Speaker Macdonald, and I would like to put this on the record as well. "I could give the honourable Member many more citations and rulings by Speakers. There is one by Mr. Speaker Macdonald which appears in *Journals* for April 4, 1951, page 243. He ruled that "An amendment cannot be moved giving the committee wider powers than those which were set out in the Notice of Motion". Then, there is another ruling of Mr. Speaker Macdonald's on November 2, 1951, as contained in the *Journals*, page 67. He said, and I quote: "I might say at this time that if the Minister himself proposed an amendment which would widen the terms of the resolution I could not allow it to stand unless it was with the unanimous consent of the House."

It seems to me that I am faced with substantially the same situation today, and I must say, albeit with regret, that I must rule the amendment inadmissible on the grounds I cited.

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Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Basford, seconded by Mr. Davis,—That a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons, to be known as the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Price Stability, be appointed to consider reports of the Prices and Incomes Commission, and such other related reports or papers as may be referred to the committee, with powers to report from time to time its observations and opinions thereon; to send for persons, papers and records; to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House; to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by the committee; and to delegate to sub-committees any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House of Commons.

That 12 members of the House of Commons, to be designated at a later date, act on behalf of the House as members of the said committee, seven of whom shall be required for a quorum.

That when a quorum is not present, the chairmen of the said committee or of its sub-committees be authorized to proceed with meetings for the purpose of receiving and printing evidence; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems advisable, some of its Members to act on the proposed special joint committee.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Orlikow, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That the motion be amended, (a) by deleting the words "joint" and "Senate and" from line one; (b) by deleting the words "Joint Parliamentary" from line two; (c) by inserting in line three, after the word "appointed", the words "to inquire into and report upon the trends in the cost-of-living in Canada and factors which may be contributing to changes in