

Honourable senators, from my experience in these matters—and that goes back to 1955—such an examination is an enormous undertaking. It takes a number of economists to explain just the cost of health services. Then one must think of the varieties that exist in Canada and the variety of ways in which Canadians are paying for health services. It is a dog's breakfast and would take a Solomon to bring this together.

But if we are also going to go into the wider range of health services, not just the preventive area—which was never explained to my satisfaction—we are talking about many, many other modalities and many other professional classes of health services.

Only one of these classes of health services has been studied recently, and that is the provision of midwifery in Ontario. That study took over a year. That report just came down. I believe it took around 18 months to prepare that report, and that dealt with only one element of another health service that could be studied.

If honourable senators think that we can handle this in 12 months, with a budget from the Internal Economy Committee, I warn them that that is impossible, that this is a far, far greater job than we are anticipating.

I ask honourable senators to consider circumscribing this more definitively so we know exactly what the committee will be doing, and to consider where the Senate can find all of the people who can tie all of these various facets and elements of health care together. Those people are needed to undertake such a study.

I beg honourable senators to take a little time to think about this, to talk to one or two of their friends in the health services area, be they chiropractors or whatever, and then come back and say, "Yes, we can do this," or "No, we cannot do that." I think we should take a little time and let this sink in and do a little research over the holidays and ask health professionals about this. We should consider what we are getting into before we jump into this big pool.

Senator Doody: Honourable senators, is it the desire of the Senate to vote on this now or later this day?

Senator Frith: Later this day, if there is no other senator who wishes to speak to it today.

Senator Doody: Does Senator Robertson wish to speak later this day, or is Senator Robertson prepared to go ahead now?

Senator Robertson: No.

Senator Doody: Then, we might as well have the vote now and get it over with.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, it is moved by the Honourable Senator Corbin, seconded by the Honourable Senator Olson:

That the motion be amended in the first paragraph by striking out, immediately after the word "examine", in line 2 the words "Canada's health care system"; and by replacing the words "such an improved health care system", in lines 7 and 8, by the words "preventative medicine and other preventative measures".

[Senator Barootes.]

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the amendment?

Some Hon. Senators: Nay.

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: In my opinion, the nays have it.

And two honourable senators having risen.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Please call in the senators.

● (1500)

Amendment carried on the following division:

YEAS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Adams	LeBlanc
Anderson	(<i>Beauséjour</i>)
Argue	Lefebvre
Barrow	MacEachen
Bonnell	Marchand
Bosa	Marsden
Corbin	Molgat
Cottreau	Neiman
Denis	Olson
Fairbairn	Perrault
Frith	Petten
Guay	Robichaud
Haidasz	Rousseau
Hays	Stanbury
Hébert	Stewart
Hicks	(<i>Antigonish-</i>
Langlois	<i>Guysborough</i>)—32.
Leblanc	
(<i>Saurel</i>)	

NAYS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Atkins	Macdonald
Balfour	(<i>Cape Breton</i>)
Barootes	Macquarrie
Bélisle	Murray
Bielish	Phillips
Cochrane	Robertson
Cogger	Roblin
David	Rossiter
Doody	Simard
Doyle	Spivak
Flynn	Tremblay
Kenny	Walker—24.
MacDonald	
(<i>Halifax</i>)	