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RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: I thank the honourable Member for his assistance. I have to tell him that even in the light of the very cogent and interesting argument that he submitted for the guidance of the Chair, I find it difficult to overcome my original misgivings. The honourable Member must realize that even if we are seized, as he proposes, with Section 24 of the original bill, even if, as he says, it is indirectly before the House by virtue of subclause 5 of clause 5 of the bill itself, and even if there is a reference in the Royal Recommendation to Section 24 of the Act, that that, put together, does not indicate that the section itself is in the bill and can be amended.

The argument is very interesting. I am quite prepared to admit that and there is something that can be said in support of that argument, that we have in an indirect way Section 24 before us. When I first saw these amendments I immediately went to the original Act and noticed that in the bill we touched on Sections 22 and 26. We did not touch Section 24, and I felt that obviously we were trying to go behind the bill and amend the original Act.

I had not thought of the arguments which are advanced by the honourable Member. Even in the light of these amendments, even though we have indirectly to concern ourselves with Section 24, I do not think that under our rules it is possible to use this argument to justify the amendment of an Act which is not before us.

It is well known to the honourable Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) and to the honourable Member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) who listens to this ruling with intense interest that we cannot at this stage, in committee or at any time introduce an amendment which goes beyond the terms of the bill itself when it is an amending bill, and attempt to amend the original Statute. It is very difficult to achieve this. I have very seldom seen it done satisfactorily.