

the other part, of putting it on the order paper, the point that I had in mind was that there may be some little discussion as to what particular time it should come before the House. I am not speaking for myself. This matter, which is a very important one,... but in my mind there is a question as to whether or not the discussion on that document should come immediately after the discussion on the Economic Report, or whether it should come up when we go into the matter of forms of government. Now that's the only thought that I had in mind. There is absolutely no question whatever of any ulterior motive whatsoever.

**Mr. Chairman** Thank you very much, but what the House does on any of these motions is something, of course, I have yet to ascertain; but in fairness to Mr. Bradley I have to point out that if the suggestion made by Mr. Higgins were taken it obviously follows that his motion loses the priority it now has. It was designed by him to follow on the conclusion and termination of the debate on the Economic Report. Now what you do about it of course when it comes before you is something I make no comment on. I am in the position now where I cannot, at this time, permit the motion which is presently on the order paper to be side-tracked by some other business which is not yet before the House. It is open to the interpretation, Mr. Higgins, although I am quite sure that that's the last thing you had in mind.

**Mr. Higgins** I can give you my assurance that I will not insist on precedence over Mr. Bradley's motion. He definitely can have precedence as far as I am concerned in debating the motion.

**Mr. Chairman** Can't you have the thing settled?

**Mr. Higgins** No, sir. I will move an amendment in that case.

**Mr. Bradley** Very well, we will have a showdown.

**Mr. Higgins** I would like to move that the motion be amended. I would like to move that all words following "be received" in the second line be deleted, and the amendment is then that we move that the communication from the Government of Canada be received.

**Mr. Crosbie** I will second that amendment.

**Mr. Bradley** Mr. Chairman, we will see just where we are on this matter now. I have made a motion which is double-barrelled in its nature. It

is a motion to receive this communication, and to make provision for its discussion. The motion is obviously one that is clearly in order.

**Mr. Chairman** The motion is clearly in order.

**Mr. Bradley** I don't know whether there is a suspicion in the minds of any of those gentlemen who object to it in its present form that it is my intention to attempt to slide the discussion of this communication from the Canadian government in the middle, as it were, of the discussion upon the Economic Report. I have been accused of dishonesty in this House before, and I am prepared to contemplate the possibility of a similar charge again. I gave a distinct understanding this afternoon that I had no intention whatever of trying to supersede the discussion of the Economic Report. My resolution was to receive this communication and to move the House into a committee of the whole on tomorrow. If that motion had carried, and maybe it will, I don't know, the position would be that we would have received the communication, and there would appear on tomorrow's order paper an order to the effect that I would move the House into a committee of the whole.... If that motion is not carried in its present form, then I have to give notice of another motion, which clearly will bring my motion behind the motion of Mr. Higgins in point of time. He immediately acquires precedence.

**Mr. Chairman** Yes, that's clear.

**Mr. Higgins** I said I would give it precedence.

**Mr. Bradley** These are the rules of the House, and I cannot see any reason in the world why you should take that position unless you have some ulterior motive.

**Mr. Higgins** I rise to a point of order. I have no ulterior motive.

**Mr. Bradley** I don't know whether you have or not.

**Mr. Higgins** Any suggestion made by you is entirely out of order.

**Mr. Bradley** I have not made any suggestion at all. I said I can see no reason. Maybe I am too thick-headed to see it.

**Mr. Higgins** We should at least confine ourselves to this motion.

**Mr. Chairman** No, no. The amendment is proposed by you, and it is Mr. Bradley's right to speak to the amendment.

**Mr. Bradley** There has been no explanation