

this Economic Report, but the reason I raised the point is that I am doubtful as to whether or not the Finance Committee is the correct committee to make this report, or if they are, should not they be aided by at least the chairmen of the various natural resource reports which we have had, such as Fisheries, Mining, and the others. I think it would be wise if some men from these other committees were added to the Finance Committee. I think they should be assisted by some members of the other committees that worked on the real natural resources of this country.

Mr. Cashin When we meet tomorrow in the Finance Committee we will discuss that point and will be able to give a report as to what we feel should happen, or think should happen in the future in connection with this Economic Report....

Mr. ChairmanThe Economic Committee has the right to invite members of other committees, and particularly of committees which have already tabled reports, or even to go outside of that altogether.... The Committee is empowered to call before them all such persons and obtain everything which they may consider necessary for the proper framing of the report.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, that's the very point I was getting at...

Mr. Higgins I feel we can leave it to the Committee to decide that. Now, with respect to this notice of motion, I did propose to give it in this form:

I give notice that I will on tomorrow move that further discussion of the Report of the Finance Committee be postponed until the Economic Report of the Finance Committee has been presented.

But in view of the fact that this would be the only business tomorrow in the event of its being passed, I would like the indulgence of the House to have a vote on it now, because it seems rather

useless to come back, if this motion is brought up tomorrow, and meeting for ten minutes and then adjourning. I think we could see what the views of the members are on this matter.

Mr. Chairman The House has the right in any circumstances where notice of motion is ordinarily required, to dispense with notice which would ordinarily otherwise be required.... The motion is to the effect that notice of motion which would ordinarily otherwise be required to be dispensed with.

Mr. Higgins That notice be dispensed with — yes.

Mr. Smallwood That requires the assent of the whole House, sir?

Mr. Chairman Yes.

Mr. Smallwood Speaking to that motion, and speaking purely for myself...

Mr. Chairman It has not been seconded yet.

Mr. Smallwood Well, to enable it to be voted on, I second it. I have no desire to continue or discontinue the debate on the Finance Report, none whatever. If it goes on I am satisfied, or if it stops I am satisfied, but I wonder if there is anyone in the House who feels that he would like to contribute to the debate and is perhaps a little diffident at this moment to say so for fear he would be blamed for holding up the work of the Convention....

Mr. Higgins I say that does not prevent them when the Economic Report is presented, but tomorrow, if the House does not receive it unanimously today, I am giving notice and it may be carried tomorrow, and we are wasting the whole day for nothing.

Mr. Chairman A motion may be made without previous notice by unanimous consent of the Convention....

[After some debate, Mr. Higgins' motion was deferred. The Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Cashin In order to get along with this report, I understand that there's several gentlemen who desire to make some comment or

ask some questions, and as usual, I'm prepared to help out in every respect and give them the best answers I know how to.

¹The proceedings for October 21, 1947, were taken from the recording of the debate.

²Volume II:369.