

motions, and that the second motion would be subsequent in point of time to the motion that the report be received, and it was upon that understanding, or misunderstanding as the case may be, that I was induced to give the opinions I did earlier in the afternoon.

Mr. Bradley Well, Mr. Chairman, any procedure that you choose to select will be satisfactory to me. My motion as it stands is in the nature of a double motion. If it is adopted as it stands then tomorrow afternoon my motion will be to defer the other, because I don't propose to introduce the question of that communication from Ottawa until the Economic Report has been dealt with. I don't know why there should be so much difficulty in getting this thing straightened out. Is there any object, any adequate object, in dealing with tiny meticulous technicalities on a question of this kind? I can't see it. One would think we were discussing an intricate point of law upon which millions of dollars depended. All we want is to get this matter before the Convention at the proper time. Definitely we ought to receive it at the earliest possible moment, and if the two motions are taken together, as the order stands, it simply means that tomorrow afternoon, when the order is read, I shall move that it be deferred, and the same thing on the next day, if the Economic Report has not been finalised, and on the next day, and until we have finished the Economic Report. It does not make any difference as far as I can see — any method of doing it so long as we get there.

Mr. Chairman You are definitely going to do that, so that I won't misunderstand you. The motion in its present form is calculated merely to have the report received at this time?

Mr. Bradley Yes, and it will be received and will be on the order paper tomorrow. When it is read tomorrow, instead of moving the House into a committee of the whole I will move that the order be deferred.

Mr. Chairman You undertake to do that?

Mr. Bradley Yes, of course.

Mr. Higgins I still must object, and contend that it has got to be two separate motions as far as I am concerned. It has to be a motion to receive, and a separate motion to resolve into a committee of the whole.

Mr. Smallwood Would Mr. Higgins state his reasons for doing that?

Mr. Higgins My reasons are my own business.

Mr. Hollett I don't want to be meticulous over this matter at all, but there seems to be a difference of opinion about it. With Mr. Bradley's consent, he could delete all words after "received" in this motion, and if Mr. Bradley would consent, then tomorrow he would bring in notice of motion covering the second part of that, because undoubtedly the Economic Report will not be finished tomorrow.

Mr. Bradley No sir, I will not, and my reason is this, that it is apparent that there is room for suspicion. There is an effort being made to deprive that motion of priority, and I don't propose to allow that to happen.

Mr. Higgins There was nothing in my mind like that. I am not trying to oppose the motion from any ulterior motive.

Mr. Chairman Why can't we arrive at a sensible solution whereby the motion of Mr. Bradley's to resolve the House into a committee of the whole will come next after the business that is presently before the Chair, that is to say the Economic Report. Now when I receive this notice of motion this must go on in due course.

Mr. Higgins You made a ruling this afternoon whereby the motion we were going to pass today would be that the report be received.

Mr. Chairman No attempt to resolve the House into a committee of the whole, I said that. All the House would be asked to do would be to receive the report. I did not say that notice of motion to resolve the House into a committee of the whole would not arrive at the order paper.

Mr. Higgins I think, to avoid all difficulty, if Mr. Bradley would make two separate motions, there would be no objections to that.

Mr. Bradley In view of what has happened I will not. I will let the motion stand as it is.

Mr. Higgins Well, we might have an amendment in that case, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Bradley You can do as you please.

Mr. Hollett I can assure you that nothing was ever further from my mind than anything as suggested by Mr. Higgins — to have any ulterior motive whatsoever. I take it this way, that certainly, out of courtesy to His Excellency the Governor, and out of courtesy to the Prime Minister of a neighbouring country, the Dominion of Canada, we ought to pass this afternoon a motion to receive this document; but when it comes to