

Mr. Higgins I move that the committee rise, report...

Mr. Chairman No, I've already received a motion.

Mr. Smallwood No sir, that is not the motion that Mr. Higgins was about to make.

Mr. Chairman Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Higgins That the committee rise, report that they have considered the matter to them referred and recommend that it lie on the table of the House for future reference. That's the motion that I would make, sir. That would dispose of the debate. The adoption of that motion would be the end of this debate.

Mr. Smallwood I wonder, we've all been especially fair the last few days, and I want to be extremely fair. I wonder if I could have one minute — just one minute. I just ask one minute on one point only.

Mr. Chairman I suppose, one minute.

Mr. Smallwood And that is one point referred to by Mr. Crummey. I'm sorry he referred to it. When he says that overtures were made in Ottawa and in St. John's on the question of divorce, I'm sorry he said it. That is true, overtures have been made.

Mr. Crummey Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Smallwood is going to raise that, it's going to create a discussion.

Mr. Smallwood No.

Mr. Crummey He is not going to have one minute and then I'm not going to have a reply to it.

Mr. Smallwood You may reply.

Mr. Crummey Yes I know, but we have till 12 o'clock.

Mr. Chairman I don't know what he said yet, Mr. Crummey.

Mr. Higgins Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee rise now.

Mr. Smallwood No, it's my motion and I have the floor. I'm speaking to the motion.

Mr. Higgins I'm going to a point of order now. You can bring in a motion to rise and...

Mr. Chairman I've allowed him one minute, Mr. Higgins, and I've just allowed him one. Now please, Mr. Smallwood, everything has been very harmonious here, just get it off your chest.

Mr. Smallwood No, a very serious statement has been made in the closing moments of the debate. A very serious statement and I know why,

but I'll leave that out.

Mr. Chairman Now please correct it, if you would.

Mr. Smallwood The statement made by Mr. ...

Mr. Crummey Mr. Chairman, I'd like a point of order.

Mr. Chairman Please state it.

Mr. Crummey It's an insinuation, and I think I know why.

Mr. Chairman I must sustain you on the point of order.

Mr. Smallwood I withdraw.

Mr. Chairman Please get on.

Mr. Smallwood The statement was made by Mr. Crummey that overtures were made in Ottawa and in St. John's with regard to the question of divorce. I say that that is true. And I say this, that whatever Newfoundland wants, whatever it be, the proper authorities, whatever they want in a matter of divorce, they can have. I say so, and I know what I'm talking about. Whatever the proper authorities of Newfoundland want in the matter of divorce, they've only got to ask. I say that, and I'm sorry the matter has been mentioned here at all. Sorry.

Mr. Chairman Now just a moment, Mr. Higgins, before I put your motion. Is there at this time any member who hasn't spoken on this question, and who feels that he would like to address himself on the question, because I'm going to put the closure motion to the House tomorrow afternoon. I don't want it to be said that there was anything improper I did, that certain members were allowed to speak to their heart's content and other people weren't allowed to speak at all. I don't want that situation to arise. If there's any member who hasn't addressed himself to this question and feels like doing so, now is the time.

Mr. MacDonald Mr. Chairman, it's not my intention...

Mr. Chairman Sir, I don't have to leave here at all, if I decided I could stay here till nine tomorrow morning if I like. If you don't like it, it's your right to walk out of the House. I'm not going to take the right of Mr. MacDonald to speak when he hasn't had the opportunity to address himself on this question at all, and other people have been able to address themselves tonight. There's a case of discrimination that I could be probably charged with that I'm not going to be charged with. Please go ahead, Mr. MacDonald.