

given this House, no adequate reason, why my motion should be split in two and part of it deducted. There is every reason why it should stand as it is. In the ordinary course of events it is now suggested that it should be split. For what purpose? What valuable object can be obtained by splitting it? If I can be shown that I will agree, but not if there has been no effort to show that there is adequate reason for it, and I do not propose to allow it to be pushed aside in that manner. If that sort of thing is going to be done, and in view of happenings in this House and out of it, and around it, during the past few days, we are justified in suspecting pretty near anything. If there is going to be anything of that sort done here the cards are coming out on the table.

Mr. Higgins I rise to a point of order. If my friend Mr. Bradley is making any happenings in this House or out of it in the past few days into the form of a motion he has put up, I would like to know about it. I think it is entirely out of order.

Mr. Bradley I am not making any personal reflections upon you or upon anyone else, but I am saying there is no reason in the world why this motion cannot come before this House, or why that motion should be split. None. And yet we are asked to split it. What for? Incidentally there is another motion coming in here which, if it is split, would give precedence over a portion of my motion.

Mr. Chairman Except that in fairness to Mr. Higgins he has undertaken to give your notice precedence. I would take and give your notice of motion priority to his. He has definitely stated

that he would not want to go ahead of you in this matter.

Mr. Bradley Mr. Chairman, a majority of this House can supersede this House or the Steering Committee, and I don't know what a majority of this House is going to do, but I am going to find out now.

Mr. Smallwood Hear, hear!

Mr. Chairman The original motion is: "To move that the communication from the Government be received, and that the Convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole on tomorrow to consider the said communication." To this an amendment has been moved and seconded, that all the words following the word "received" should be deleted. So that the amendment means to move that the communication from the Government of Canada be received. Are you ready for the amendment?.... Will all the members in favour of the amendment please rise — 21. Will all those against the amendment please rise — 15. The amendment is carried on a vote of 21 — 15.... Now I have to put the motion in its amended form, so that if there is any other member who desires to address himself on it he can do it. The motion in its amended form now is: "To move that the communication from the Government be received." That is the motion as amended. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion as amended? Are you ready for the question? Carried.

Mr. Bradley Now Mr. Chairman, we shall see what happens.

[The Convention adjourned]

November 10, 1947

Mr. Smallwood I give notice that I will on tomorrow move the Convention into a committee of the whole to consider and discuss the proposals received on November 6 from the Prime Minister of Canada.

I gave that notice of motion on behalf of Mr. Bradley, and in my own behalf I will give the following notice of motion: that I will on tomorrow move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the National Convention desires to recommend to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that the following forms of government be placed before the people of Newfoundland for their choice in the forthcoming national referen-

dum, namely:

- (a) Commission of Government;
- (b) Responsible government as it existed in Newfoundland prior to its suspension in 1934;
- (c) Confederation with Canada upon the basis submitted to the National Convention by the Prime Minister of Canada on November 6, 1947.

In connection with the notice of motion for Mr. Bradley, he asks me to assure the House that his intention is from day to day to defer consideration of his motion until the completion of the present debate on the Economic Report. In my own behalf I wish to assure the House that my intention