

the Committee referred to in this Resolution ... etc."

**Mr. Job** There is one point I would like to make, if I may intervene for a moment. The rules provide that the Chairman shall appoint all committees....

**Mr. Chairman** That is the rule, gentlemen.

**Mr. McCarthy** Would this be a committee or a delegation? The resolution reads "delegation".

**Mr. Chairman** It is referred to as a "delegation" in one place and a "committee" in another place.

**Mr. Higgins** Can you not agree to suspend the rules?

**Mr. Chairman** You can by a two-thirds majority motion, of which I think notice will have to be given.

**Mr. Higgins** You can suspend it if it is unanimous.

**Mr. Chairman** There has been an amendment moved which has not been seconded, and of which I have not the exact words. I have no desire to restrict the right of any member, but I must have that in writing before I can submit it to the body.

*[The Chairman left the Chair for ten minutes]*

**Mr. Chairman** Mr. Fogwill, have you your proposed amendment in writing now?

**Mr. Fogwill** Yes, sir. The amendment to the resolution is as follows: to delete the words from line six "the Chairman of this Convention in consultation with the Steering Committee shall thereupon select a delegation of members of this Convention", and insert these words: "elected by the National Convention from its own members".

**Mr. Job** I have no objection to that change. I think it is quite proper and probably democratic if the Convention should elect its own committees. The only reason I put it in was that the rules provided for it.

**Mr. Bailey** I second the motion.

**Mr. Chairman** It has been moved by Mr. Fogwill and seconded by Mr. Bailey that the resolution be amended....

**Mr. Cashin** Mr. Chairman, speaking to the resolution, I am somewhat of the same mind as my friend Mr. Hollett. I have no particular objection to a committee of the Convention interviewing the Commission of Government with regard to any matter, but with all due respect to Mr. Job and Mr. Higgins, I think that in many cases we are going to ask them things which we as sensible

people should not ask. For instance, "What steps, if any, can be taken for establishing improved economic or fiscal relationships between the United States of America and Newfoundland....?" Surely to goodness, every member of this Convention knows that the only step which can be taken is that the government itself get in touch with the United States government and ask them these questions. They won't tell us to appoint a delegation to go to Washington, because I think it's been proved that we have no power to do that.

And then the second part, "What financial and fiscal relationships could be expected between the Government of the United Kingdom and Newfoundland ... etc." First when this Convention met there was a ten year programme placed on the table of the house, which is now being carried out. That \$59 million program, of which in this fiscal year so far about \$8-9 million have been spent, they have been carrying it out and have never asked us whether they would or not.

The government has power to go to the United States and talk paper, mines or anything else. I would also like to point out that, at the present time, the fishing interests of Gloucester are putting on a campaign looking for increased tariff protection for their fish. In my opinion we have no power, it is up to the government to do that, and they would be falling down on their job if they are not trying to do it. Now, I would be perfectly willing to support this part of the question: "What steps, if any, are you taking", is the government taking. But what steps can be taken, or what steps are the government trying to take? They should be taking some. The British government should be taking some steps in our interests, but are they doing that? They know what can be done if they will only do it.

The next thing: "What would be a fair and equitable basis for federal union...?" We are asking them to tell us what they think is fair. It's our job to decide what is fair, not theirs, and furthermore, Mr. Chairman, we had this matter up some three or four months ago and there was an amendment moved by Mr. Penney and passed in this House, whereby this confederation issue was to be left over until such time as our reports were finished. I think Mr. Penney will agree that that was the idea of his amendment, and now we find it in here. I have no objection to a delegation