ശ്രീ. സി. എ. മാത്യു: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി സെലക്റ്റ കമ്മിറ്റിക്കു പേരു നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. പുതിയ ബില്ലിനെപ്പറ്റി പര്യാലോചിക്കുവാൻ ആയിരിക്കും സെലക്റ്റ കമ്മിറ്റി എന്ന വിചാരത്തിലാണു് പേരുകളും നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചതു്. ഇപ്പോഴും തിരുവിതാംകൂർ-കൊച്ചി ഭാഗത്തെ മാത്രം ബാധിക്കുന്ന ഈ നിയമം മലബാർ വിഭാഗത്തേയും കൂടി വ്യാപിപ്പിക്കത്തക്ക നിലയിലുള്ള ഭേദഗതി ബില്ലാണു് എന്നു കരുതി അങ്ങനെ ചെയ്തതാണു്. ഒറിജിനൽ ബില്ലിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഭേദഗതിവരുത്തണമെന്നോ അതു പുന:പരിശോധന ചെയ്യണമെന്നോ കരുതി ഒരു സെലക്റ്റ കമ്മിറ്റി രൂപീകരിക്കയാണെന്നു ധരിച്ചിരുന്നില്ല.

Shri A. Thanu Pillai: May I speak?

Mr. Speaker: The Rule is that there shall not be a discussion. The House can either accept or reject the motion.

The question before the House is that the motion for referring the Bill to Select Committee may be withdrawn.

The motion was put and carried.

Smt. K. R Gouri: I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Shri M. Narayana Kurup: Sir, I wish to know whether such a motion is competent to be made under Rule 78. Rule 78 says:

"When a Bill is introduced, or on some subsequent occasion, the member in charge may make one of the following motions in regard to the Bill, namely:—

(a) that it be taken into consideration; or

(b) that it be referred to a Select Committee; or

(c) that it be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon.

Three alternatives are given. The member can elect or choose any one of the three alternatives. The Minister in this case has choosen (b) that it be referred to a Select Committee. I submit that the right conferred under Rule 78 exhausts itself by that. The member cannot make any alternative motion especially in the same sitting or on the same day. If in the next sitting such a motion is allowable or not is a different matter. Therefore my submission is that the motion for consideration of the Bill cannot be allowed because she is entitled only to one of the rights conferred under Rule 78 and nothing else.

Mr. Speaker: An identical question was raised last time also and I have given a considered Ruling. That Ruling stands even now. Since some doubts were raised, I raised this point in the conference of the Presiding Officers and it was unanimously decided there that if a member in charge of a Bill moves a motion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee and if that motion is withdrawn that does not at all prevent the mover of the Bill from moving any other motion either on the same day or at any subsequent sitting. That is a well established thing. It has been finally decided in the Speakers' Conference.

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