

DREW UPHELD BY 40 TO 33 AGAINST C.C.F.

A C.C.F. attempt to hold up third reading of the Government's municipal health services bill was defeated in the Legislature yesterday by a vote of 40 to 33 on a division of the House. The Liberals voted solidly with the Government and the two Labor Progressives voted with the C.C.F. It was the second recorded vote of the session.

In moving an amendment that the health services bill be sent back to committee of the whole House, the C.C.F. Leader, E. B. Jolliffe, said it was his understanding that the Federation of Agriculture and the Congress of Labor wished to make representations concerning the bill.

"The Opposition amendment is not acceptable to the Government and will be opposed," Premier George Drew said.

There was some confusion when Mr. Speaker put the motion for third reading to the House and declared it carried on the ayes and naves. Then Mr. Jolliffe hastily presented his amendment. The vote was then taken on the main motion.

Before the orders of the day Mr. Jolliffe asked if Health Minister Dr. R. P. Vivian would read the letter he had received from the Federation of Agriculture regarding the municipal health services bill, in the light of his statement of several days ago that the federation had given verbal approval of the bill. Before Dr. Vivian could comply, Mr. Speaker intervened and ruled the request out of order as it was not a question of privilege.

Liquor Control Act.

In spite of several Opposition objections, the Liquor Control Authority Act and the act amending the Liquor Control Act went through committee. Attorney-General Blackwell accepted an amendment offered by the Opposition that the board announce annually not only the number of beverage authorities, but their owners.

A clause which prohibits authorities being issued or renewed to law enforcement officers, Mr. Blackwell said, would be held up for a time when the main legislation goes into effect to permit holders to dispose of their holdings. In dividing the Province into districts for operation of the authority board, there would be no interference with "dry" areas, he told C. H. Millard (C.C.F., York West). He demanded withdrawal of a comment of "politics" from H. E. Brown (C.C.F., Welland), who asked if members of the Legislature would be prohibited from holding authorities.

Opposition Leader Jolliffe insisted Mr. Brown had a right to express his opinion, but Chairman D. Patterson (L., Grey North) advised the question be put again. "On account of the tone of the member's voice, the answer is no," was Mr. Blackwell's reply.

The Attorney-General assured J. B. Salsberg (L.P., Toronto St. Andrew) that complaints against private clubs would come before a public hearing.