

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 29, 1948.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

#### REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

The Senate resumed from June 26 the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Gouin for concurrence in the final report of the Special Joint Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

Hon. W. M. ASELTINE: Honourable senators, my reason for moving the adjournment of the debate on this motion was to find out exactly how the matter was dealt with in another place. I find that it was debated pro and con in that house, following which the report was tabled. In the Senate the report has been presented and explained, and we have heard a speech in opposition to it. I would suggest that in this honourable chamber the report be dealt with as it was in another place, that is, that it be tabled.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I am quite in agreement with the acting leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Aseltine). I think, though, that he is perhaps in error in saying that the report was discussed in another place, for my understanding is that it was tabled there without discussion. As concurrence in the report has been moved here, my honourable friend might move in amendment, if it is agreeable to the mover (Hon. Mr. Gouin), that the report be not concurred in, but that it be tabled. I should be happy to support such an amendment.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: I so move.

The amendment of Hon. Mr. Aseltine was agreed to, and the report was tabled.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I have been advised that there is reasonable hope that the business of the other house will be concluded in time to make prorogation possible today or, in any event, early tomorrow. It remains to be seen whether that prediction is correct, but in order that we may be in readiness to facilitate the closing of the session this evening, I move that

the Senate do now adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell, at approximately 9 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 9 o'clock the sitting was resumed.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, while there is some difference of opinion as to the progress that is being made in the other house, it seems unlikely that prorogation will take place tonight. I see no purpose, therefore, in suggesting that the Senate remain in session this evening, but will ask when it adjourns that it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock.

### THE ESTIMATES

#### DISCUSSION

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: May I ask the honourable leader of the government if it would be possible to consider the estimates tonight before the appropriation bill reaches us?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I shall be glad to accept the suggestion of the honourable acting leader opposite, if it meets with the approval of the house.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Are copies of the bill available?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Copies are not available, but I am prepared, with leave of the house, to make a brief explanation of the bill.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: If the house agrees, I see no objection.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: My reason for making the suggestion is that I am obliged to leave for the West tonight, and I should like to hear the honourable leader's explanation of the bill.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I am obliged to refer to the provisions of the bill in round figures, because I have not the exact amounts before me. As honourable senators know, the estimates we are called upon to consider have been for some time before our Finance Committee, by whom the details of the proposed expenditures were carefully studied. I shall confine my remarks to a comparison of round figures, under various categories, with our expenditures