

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pickersgill,—That Bill C-95, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, be now read a second time.

And debate continuing; the said debate was, on motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Kelly, adjourned.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following bills to which the concurrence of this House is desired:

Bill S-42, An Act respecting The Canadian Equity Insurance Company.—*Mr. Asselin* (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce).

Bill S-43, An Act respecting the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.—*Mr. Wahn*.

Bill S-44, An Act respecting Adanac General Insurance Company of Canada.—*Mr. Addison*.

The said bills were deemed to have been read a first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House pursuant to Standing Order 103(2).

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., *Private Members' Business* was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(3)]

(Public Bills)

Orders numbered 1 to 4 inclusive having been called were allowed to stand at the request of the government.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill C-27, An Act to amend the Railway Act (Abandonment);

Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Rapp, moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time.

And the question being proposed;

The honourable Member for Rosedale (Mr. Macdonald), having raised a point of order to the effect that the matter contained in the bill was one falling under provincial jurisdiction and, therefore, was *ultra vires* of the Parliament of Canada;

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have listened with much interest to the argument made by the honourable and learned member for Rosedale (Mr. Macdonald). I gather the essence of the argument he submits now is that the bill should not be considered, that it is out of order because it is *ultra vires* the Parliament of Canada. My submission at this time is that it should not be the responsibility of the Chair to rule whether a particular bill or particular piece of legislation submitted to Parliament is or is not within the competence of this House. Firstly, I should like to refer honourable Members to Standing Order 12(1) which limits and defines the duties and responsibilities of the Speaker: "Mr. Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House without debate..."