

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 12, 1950

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

**CONSUMER CREDIT (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL**

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 4, an Act to make temporary provision for the regulation of consumer credit.

The bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING POSTPONED

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I regret to have to say that at the moment we are not in a position to proceed with this bill, as the honourable gentleman whom I have asked to explain it is not yet ready. Yesterday it was expected that the Essential Materials Bill would come to us first, and an honourable member is prepared to explain it, but so far it has not been passed by the other chamber. It will probably be received here later today, and in the circumstances the only alternative I have is to ask that the bill be placed on the order paper for consideration at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The second reading was postponed.

**DEFENCE APPROPRIATION BILL**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Beaubien,** for the Chairman of the Special Committee on Legislation (Hon. Mr. Farris), presented the report of the committee on Bill 2, an Act for granting His Majesty aid for national defence and security.

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:*

The special committee appointed to examine into any legislation or other matter, to whom was referred Bill 2, an Act for granting His Majesty aid for national defence and security, have, in obedience to the order of reference of September 11, 1950, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

**Hon. Mr. Robertson** moved third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On the order:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Dupuis, seconded by the Honourable Senator Barbour, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament — (Hon. Mr. Beaubien).

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was adjourned by the whip on this side so that any honourable senator who wished to participate in the debate could do so. If no honourable senator wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to speak, there is perhaps no purpose in asking that the order be allowed to stand.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** Honourable senators, I should like to make a few remarks this afternoon.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Then I would ask that the order stand.

The order stands.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 3 o'clock the sitting was resumed.

**CONSUMER CREDIT (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL**

SECOND READING

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck** moved the second reading of the bill.

He said: Honourable senators, there are two main purposes to be found in this bill. The first purpose is to offset to some extent the rising price trend, which, as honourable senators know, has worried housewives and others in Canada in an accelerating degree during the period since the commencement of the last war. Perhaps they are worried now more than at any other time during that period; and unfortunately, owing to the fact that we are entering a war condition in which inflation and rising prices may be expected, there is no evident prospect that that worry will terminate. The second purpose of the bill is to influence the direction, towards war purposes, of certain commodities. Chief of these, of course, is steel. It is felt that if it be possible to direct steel into the making of guns and bullets rather than, say, radios and washing machines, the public interest under the special circumstances of the day will be served.

The first of these two purposes that I have enumerated, namely the effort to offset what