

time and effort it has been very gratifying to know we have enjoyed the confidence of our fellow senators.

May I take this opportunity, although it may be a little out of order, to say how pleased I am to see that my predecessor as chairman of the Divorce Committee is now the Leader of the Government in this house.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I have had good training.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: We all appreciated the work and the attitude of the honourable the senior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) when he led the house last session, and regret that he has seen fit to relinquish his duties in that regard. However, he having done so, I think I can speak for every member of this house when I say that we are all delighted to see the honourable senator from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) in that position of responsibility. The honourable gentleman was kind enough to come to my office shortly after his appointment. I repeat the assurance I gave him on that occasion—and again I think I can speak for all my colleagues—that, short of pulling punches in debate, we would do all we could—and that is a good deal—to make his tenure of office successful. We wish him success, and for my part I have great pleasure in seeing him here as leader.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. George S. White presented the second report of the Committee of Selection.

The Clerk (reading):

The Committee of selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees for the present session, make their second report, as follows:

Hon. Senators: Dispense.

For text of report see Appendix to today's Hansard, pp. 11 to 12.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. White: Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Brunt, that the report be considered tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON CANADA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

INQUIRY AS TO REPORT

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Thomas Reid: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I wish to direct to the newly appointed leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) a question which has to do with the Gordon Commission report. If my memory serves me rightly, for long years reports of committees or commissions have always been distributed to members of Parliament—members of the House of Commons and of the Senate—before being given to the public. However, for the past month the *Financial Post* and other papers have been publishing extracts from the report submitted by the Gordon Royal Commission to the Government, which report has not yet been made available to members of Parliament. My question to you, sir, is, when may we expect to receive a copy of that report?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I will inquire into that immediately and let my honourable friend have an answer at the next sitting.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, before the house adjourns may I inquire as to the business for tomorrow? Apparently we are going to sit tomorrow, though there is nothing on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, it is proposed that tomorrow we will adopt the report of the Committee of Selection, and we expect to receive for consideration an interim supply bill.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Thank you.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.