

*Income Tax***ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**

## FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR THE PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Madam Speaker:** It is my duty to inform the House that an objection, signed by the Hon. Members for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan), Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart), Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis), Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence), Burlington (Mr. Kempling), Haldimand-Norfolk (Mr. Bradley), Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson), St. Catharines (Mr. Reid), Waterloo (Mr. McLean), and Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett), has been filed with me pursuant to Section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, R.S.C., 1970 of the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Prince Edward Island.

If the House agrees, I would suggest that we follow the past practice and print the text of the objection as an appendix to this day's *Votes and Proceedings*. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[*English*]

**INCOME TAX**

## AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE LAW

The House resumed consideration in Committee of Bill C-139, to amend the statute law relating to income tax—Mr. Lalonde—Mr. Francis in the chair.

On Clause 4—*Amounts receivable in respect of services, etc., rendered*

**The Chairman:** The House is in Committee of the Whole. The following Clauses have been grouped for debate: Clause 4, Subclauses (6) and (7), Subclause (8) with an amendment, Subclauses (9) and (11), Subclause (12) with an amendment, Subclauses (13) and (15), Clause 22, Subclause (11) and Clause 54, Subclause (3).

**Mr. Blenkarn:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. Earlier today arrangements were made for the grouping of certain Clauses, but we have not come to a final understanding on that grouping as yet. In view of the hour, I do not think it is necessary at this point to come to that final understanding on grouping. We are working rather closely with the Parliamentary Secretary on this matter to try to come to an effective grouping of the Clauses with respect to insurance and annuities, and we pretty well have it together. May I suggest there are a number of Members who want to ask questions on the general structure of annuities and life insurance. Perhaps between now and six o'clock that might be accomplished without putting further amendments at this stage. The next day the Bill is brought forward, those amendments, with respect to the groupings that we will have determined by that time to be appropriate, can be put all at once so that we will know exactly that we are dealing with.

• (1740)

**Mr. Cosgrove:** Mr. Chairman, the statement by the Hon. Member for Mississauga South reflects the working arrangements which Members opposite working in Committee of the Whole had adopted this morning. More than that, we had agreed that in addition to grouping sections dealing with life insurance and annuities together for purposes of debate—

**The Chairman:** Could Hon. Members currently carrying on conversations leave the House and go behind the curtains because it makes it most difficult to conduct the business of the House.

**Mr. Cosgrove:** Mr. Chairman, I indicated that the only intelligent way in which we can come to grips with the general policies affecting life insurance policies, annuities and taxation of insurance companies is by grouping. More than that, we had agreed there would be one vote which would incorporate all the Sections dealing with these through the 139 Sections.

I am in agreement with the proposal of the Hon. Member for Mississauga South. We are still trying to come to an agreement as to which of those Sections and Subclauses they will be, and how we will deal with the amendments. I think we can sort that out before our next sitting. In the interim, I understand there is a continuation of questions and some comments by Members opposite dealing with the Sections presently before the Committee.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Chairman, may I direct a question to the Minister regarding the now assembled list, or the grouping we have before us including quite a host of amendments to the Bill? Does this list now adequately reflect all the Government's technical amendments that it plans to table relating to this Bill? To be more specific, will the Minister be bringing forward technical amendments that we will then see added to this list at a subsequent date?

**Mr. Cosgrove:** Mr. Chairman, with respect to the subject that really is the first item namely, Clause 4 dealing with life insurance policies and annuities, I am told by my officials that in the material I provided to the Hon. Member—I think he has a copy in hand, which is the same as mine—those items preceded by (a) are subject to intended amendments. I have made those available to Members opposite, together with explanatory notes on those items. But in so far as other Sections in the Act are concerned, there could well be other technical amendments, and as I have indicated, most of them relieving. In the absence of agreement from the Official Opposition to treating those amendments as having been moved, I cannot say with certainty that the Government will move every one of those technical amendments. If we found proceedings to be very slow and we thought that, for the sake of the common good, the Bill up to a certain point could accomplish what was intended, the Government, in trying to assess that conceivably might abandon some of those technical