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well be named the "Tweedledum" insurance company and that the company proposed by Bill S-12 might well be named the "Tweedledee" insurance company.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I should point out that if the hon. member for Hamilton West speaks now he will close the debate.

Mr. Macaluso: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) for bringing to my attention the error I made in reference to the manner of incorporation. This company was formerly incorporated under authority of letters patent from the province of Ontario. With regard to the questions raised about the name of the company, I am afraid I do not have time to answer them all. I suggest to hon. members that they allow this bill to be sent to the committee so that these questions can be answered properly.

As to the use of the word "Income" in the suggested name, I am sure hon. members will realize that it is difficult to obtain an acceptable name because of the number of applications being made to the authorities for the use of various names. I can assure the hon. member that this name must have met with the approval of the authorities before this bill was allowed to be placed before this house.

Mr. Starr: It is seven o'clock.

Mr. Macaluso: Mr. Speaker, I ask for the consent of this house to send Bill S-11 to the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs, at which time I would be prepared to answer all hon. members' questions and at which time the officials of the company will be in attendance to answer questions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Is it agreed that this bill be given second reading?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on finance, trade and economic affairs.

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PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEPARTMENTS

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Pearson for the second reading of Bill No. C-178, respecting the organization of the government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Shortly before six o'clock hon, members on both sides of this house made contributions on the point of order raised by the hon, member for Peace River respecting the matter now before the house. I indicated to hon. members that I would study the arguments raised and that I proposed to read the arguments advanced by hon. members. These proceedings have not reached me in toto yet, and I seek the indulgence of hon. members to allow me sufficient time to consider all the arguments. A number of members have indicated that they wish to make contributions to this debate and I suggest they be allowed to do so now.

• (7:00 p.m.)

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, in opening my remarks in this debate on second reading of the government reorganization bill I have a sense of disappointment. I was one of those who, when the announcement was made in December last about the massive reorganization of government, had a wild surge of hope that at long last we would get at some of the difficulties that exist for any government trying to carry on the affairs of this country.

I listened very carefully to the speech of the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) today and must say again I am very sorry that each of these departments was not introduced with a separate resolution and a separate bill. We have clear-cut precedents for this approach. In 1953 Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent introduced the bill that set up the department called the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. In his speech he outlined precisely, carefully and logically why the department included in its title "national resources".

Successive ministers were able to read that speech, read the bill setting up the department and know precisely where parliament had directed the attention of the minister as to the way in which he should proceed. This precedent was not followed in the bill now before us or in the Prime Minister's speech. The second precedent was more recent, occurring in 1959 when the Department of Forestry was set up. Once again we had the Prime Minister outlining the need for the legislation and one of his ministers took the bill through its various stages in the house. The Minister of Forestry, through that debate and particularly statements of the government of the day, had a clear-cut indication of