

there has been consultation: I would prefer that my honourable friend suspend his criticism until we have an opportunity, perhaps tomorrow, to ask questions on the matter. I believe it will then become apparent that representatives of labour were invited to assist in connection with many of the details, particularly the mechanics of the measure.

As to my reason for not suggesting that the bill be sent to the Committee on Immigration and Labour, let me say that had that committee been set up I should have been only too happy to refer the bill to it. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond my control, that committee has not yet been constituted, so I have no alternative, should the house see fit to give the bill second reading, but to refer it to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce. I believe that any like legislation in future could very properly go to the Committee on Immigration and Labour.

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

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson** moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The motion was agreed to.

#### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

##### CONCURRENCE IN REPORT

**Hon. W. A. Buchanan**, Chairman of the Committee of Selection, presented and moved concurrence in the following report:

The Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees for the present session, have the honour to report herewith the following list of senators selected by them to serve on the Standing Committee on Divorce, namely:—

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Campbell, Euler, Farris, Fogo, Gershaw, Golding, Horner, Howard, Howden, Hugessen, Kinley, Roebuck, Ross and Stevenson. (15)

The motion was agreed to.

#### DIVORCE COMMITTEE

##### MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Mr. Robertson**: Honourable senators, with leave, I desire to move:

That the senators mentioned in the report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the Standing Committee on Divorce during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the said committee to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time.

The motion was agreed to.

#### DIVORCE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

##### AMENDMENT OF RULE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson**: Honourable senators, with leave, I desire to move:

That the rules of the Senate be amended by striking out paragraph 9 of Rule 78 and substituting therefor the following:

9. The Committee on Divorce, composed of not less than nine senators and not more than twenty senators.

He said: Honourable senators, the purpose of this proposal is to make it possible to increase, from fifteen to twenty, the number of members of the Divorce Committee, should such an increase be deemed desirable in the future.

The motion was agreed to.

#### PRIVATE BILL

##### FIRST READING

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard** presented Bill D, an Act respecting the purchase by Canadian Pacific Railway Company of shares of the capital stock of the Shawinigan Falls Terminal Railway Company.

The bill was read the first time.

#### PUBLIC LANDS GRANTS BILL

##### SECOND READING

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson** moved the second reading of Bill B, an Act respecting Grants of Public Lands.

He said: Honourable senators, this bill and the next one on the Order Paper are not in themselves of any great import, but in order to facilitate the clearing of our Order Paper I would ask honourable senators, if they see fit after hearing the explanations to give these bills second reading tonight. Then, if honourable senators require it, the bills could be sent tomorrow to the Committee on Banking and Commerce, where additional information could be obtained.

Honourable senators, the purpose of the bill now before us is to revise and consolidate into one measure the present Public Lands Grants Act and the Ordnance and Admiralty Lands Act.

The present Public Lands Grants Act empowers the Governor in Council to convey an interest in land held by His Majesty in the right of the Dominion of Canada; it applies to all lands with respect to the conveyance of which there is no other statutory provision. There are several Acts which provide for the transfer of an interest in land that comes within their purview. The Dominion Lands Act is one of these. It specifically provides for the conveyance of an interest in land that is under its control. The Public Lands Grants