

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—And I am giving reasons why we should not go into committee.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The question arises whether we are to traverse the Bill over again and discuss the principle, as has been done since I moved the motion. I raise that point of order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The point of order is that what I am saying is not germane?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am talking to prevent the Bill from going into committee, and if I were the leader of the Opposition I would not allow it to go into committee. I would kill it on the spot.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Then move your motion. I submit there is no motion before the Chair except to go into committee.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Why did not the Speaker rule out the hon. senator from Toronto. Why did he not rule out his friend from New Brunswick. What is the matter with the point of order? It is directed against me alone. Am I to be singled out by any hon. senator, from Calgary or otherwise?

The SPEAKER—Order.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I rise to a question of order. If hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House choose to continue the discussion of the principle of the Bill after the second reading has passed, why, I am content, but I am going to perform my duty by raising the question of order as to whether the discussion of the principle is in order at this time.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Why did you not do it with the senator from Toronto?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Bill has been read the second time; the House has been committed to the principle of the Bill; I therefore object to any discussion taking place upon the principle.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I do not dispute the hon. gentleman's right to raise the objection, but why did he not raise it when the hon. senator from Toronto was speaking?

The SPEAKER—Order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: That is the point: am I going to be singled out? Why didn't you raise that point of order before?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That is not the point. The point is there is a motion to go into committee, and in that motion the principle of the Bill cannot be discussed.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That shows the animus of the whole business. The motion was agreed to and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

On clause 2—distribution of ballot papers:

Hon. Mr. ROCHE—Last evening I addressed to the learned leader of the Government a very innocent question. I asked him how many of the Royal Canadian Regiment were in Bermuda, and my hon. friend was not so explicit as he is on other occasions, because he told us he did not know. I know something about the troops in Bermuda. I listened very attentively to the remarks made by my hon. friend from Acadia (Hon. Mr. Poirier), and I think that the adoption of the views and the sentiments which he has propounded would be most destructive to the independence of the Senate. The doctrine of passive obedience in the state has never been accepted. I do not think that we would be justified for our attendance here, or our positions as members of the Senate, to give adhesion to any such sentiments, that because such legislation has been passed in the House of Commons, even if it does affect only the representation of the House of Commons, it is not an object of interest or should not be a subject of solicitude for the members of the Senate, a co-ordinate body, and by theory and by practice equally interested in the proper representation in the House of Commons and in the Senate with any member of the House of Commons or any citizen without representative capacity.

Several hon. MEMBERS—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. ROCHE—There is no precedent for a Bill of this kind enfranchising the army, that I know of; it has always been avoided as a most dangerous action to give votes to the British Army in England. There is a precedent for it, and that was in the time of George III, when there was a controverted election and he enfranchised a hundred or more of the Guards and sent them into the bailiwick of Westminster to vote against the popular candidate, and rewarded them for the service by giving them a guinea apiece. Is that the kind of precedent we are to have for a Bill like this? My objection to this clause of the Bill, and I wish to confine my remarks to this clause, is as to its operation. These ballots are to be sent to the commanding officer in Bermuda, and wherever British forces may be to which a Canadian contingent is attached.