

that proposal in full, for instead of having a full membership of 102 in the Senate just now we have fifteen vacancies. But my suggestion is that this session we try the experiment with only three committees, they being ones to which I anticipate very important legislation will be referred.

The senator from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Lambert) has mentioned the traditionally large membership of the Committee on Transport and Communications. I should perhaps have omitted this committee from my suggestion, for I would have no fixed ideas on this matter were it not for the important and complex Railway Bill which we are expecting to have to deal with. Also I thought it would be well to have the membership of that committee reduced, so that those members who are remaining in Ottawa during the expected two weeks adjournment of the Senate could proceed to function. It is true, of course, that any senator, whether appointed to the committee or not, may attend its sittings. But my experience has been that, as a rule, senators are not eager to attend committees of which they are not members and on which they cannot vote. For instance, though I have frequently invited senators who are not among the fifty members of the Banking and Commerce Committee to appear and take part in proceedings of that committee, I have usually found them diffident.

Honourable senators, the proposal that I have made in my motion may prove to be entirely wrong, but I should like to see it given a trial.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Robertson was agreed to on the following division:

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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, in view of a probable adjournment to facilitate the work of the house, I should like to move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, to enable the Committee of Selection to continue its work and table its second report later this afternoon so that it may be taken into consideration tomorrow. When the sitting is resumed I shall ask the chairman of the committee to read the report, in order that the names of the senators nominated to the committees will appear in our record.

I therefore move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell within the hour.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

SECOND REPORT

Hon. Mr. Robertson moved that the house revert to the order, "Reports of Committees".

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Honourable senators, the Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees for the present session have the honour to present herewith, as their second report, the following list of senators selected by them to serve on each of the following standing committees, namely:

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

The Honourable Senators Baird, Campbell, Daigle, Davis, Dessureault, Fallis, Gershaw, Grant, Hawkins, Hayden, Horner, Hugessen, Kinley, McLean, Paterson, Raymond and Reid.

Standing Committee on External Relations

The Honourable Senators Beaubien, Buchanan, Burchill, Burke, David, Farquhar, Fogo, Gouin, Howard, Lambert, Marcotte, McGuire, McIntyre, MacLennan, Nicol, Turgeon and Veniot.

Standing Committee on Finance

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Barbour, Crerar, Dupuis, Fafard, Fraser, Golding, Isnor, King, Lacasse, Petten, Pirie, Quinn, Stambaugh, Taylor, Vaillancourt and Vien.

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

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.