

THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 26, 1961

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT, 1954

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report of the committee on Bill C-128, to amend the National Housing Act, 1954:

Your committee recommends that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 200 copies in French of their proceedings on the said bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Hayden: I move that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden reported that the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce had considered Bill C-128, to amend the National Housing Act, 1954, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

THIRD READING

Hon. John Hnatyshyn moved third reading of the bill.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, before this bill receives third reading, may I ask that a correction be made in *Hansard* of an amount I mentioned in the house yesterday when I was speaking on this bill? I said that the sum of \$500 million was involved. However, at the meeting this morning of the Banking and Commerce Committee it was pointed out clearly that a much larger sum was involved. The figure should be corrected to read \$655 million.

May I take this opportunity of saying that we had an excellent meeting of the committee this morning, and received from Dr. Stewart Bates, President of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, a full explanation of what that company has done in the way of advancing moneys to, and receiving moneys in return from, those who had borrowed from it. Personally, I was encouraged to hear that

there had been so few defaults by people who had purchased houses. I think it does great credit to the people of this country that they have kept up their payments so well.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Donald Cameron, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Civil Service Administration, presented the following report of the committee on Bill C-71, respecting the Civil Service of Canada:

Your committee recommend that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 200 copies in French of their proceedings on the said bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Cameron: Honourable senators, I move that this report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Cameron reported that the Standing Committee on Civil Service Administration had considered Bill C-71, respecting the Civil Service of Canada, and had directed that the same be reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

THIRD READING

Hon. John M. Macdonald moved third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES

INQUIRY RE CROP YIELDS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are called I should like to direct a question to the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine), based on a very disturbing report which I read in the *Globe and Mail* this morning. It is a Canadian Press dispatch originating from Winnipeg, dated September 25, and reads:

Manitoba's 46,000 farmers will harvest crops 50 per cent below normal yield at a gross loss of roughly \$87,000,000, deputy agriculture minister R. J. Bell forecast.

A summer of too much sun and not enough rain means Manitoba's cereal