

St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act

and the hon. member for Danforth (Mr. Small) we heard particular reference to the suggestion that there had been a great amount of inefficiency, mismanagement, miscalculation and general bungling, if I may put it in that way, with respect to the work which was done on the seaway during the past few years.

We in the C.C.F. do not desire to enter into these controversies or to raise the matters again. However, we want to ensure, as far as it is humanly possible to do so, that the expenditure of the additional amount of money being sought or asked for by this particular bill will be used to the greatest possible advantage in the work on the seaway and in such a fashion that charges of inefficiency, bungling, gross miscalculations and things of that nature may not be made in the future with respect to the work which will be done as a consequence of the provision of the additional amount of money being asked for. We think this objective can be achieved in a better fashion if the bill is referred to and is dealt with by one of the standing committees rather than in the committee of the whole. With this thought in mind, and wanting as we do to ensure that this money is spent to the greatest possible advantage of the people of Canada or the taxpayers and feeling that this assurance can be given to the greatest possible degree by referring the bill to a standing committee, I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this bill be not now read a second time, but that the subject matter thereof be referred to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): Is the house ready for the question?

Mr. Chevrier: Mr. Speaker, may I speak not on the subject matter of the resolution but on the point of order. I suggest that if Mr. Speaker looks at the rules he will find that if this resolution carries, the bill is killed. My understanding of the rules of the house is that if a bill be not now read a second time but be referred to a committee in the language used by the hon. member for Skeena, the bill is automatically killed and does not go to the committee mentioned in the motion. I may be in error in that matter. I have not the rules before me. However, that is my recollection of that rule.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rea): That is for the house to decide but the motion is in order. Beauchesne's fourth edition, citation 386 reads as follows:

[Mr. Howard.]

On the second reading of a bill, the house may decide to refer the subject thereof to a commission although the bill could not be referred to a committee of the house before its second reading.

Is the house ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: The question.

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. Howard) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Argue
Herridge
Howard
Martin (Timmins)

Peters
Regier
Winch—7.

NAYS

Messrs:

Aiken
Aitken, Miss
Allard
Allmark
Anderson
Asselin
Badanal
Balcer
Baldwin
Barrington
Baskin
Beech
Bell (Carleton)
Belzile
Benidickson
Bigg
Bissonnette
Boivin
Boulanger
Bourget
Brassard (Chicoutimi)
Broome
Browne (St. John's West)
Browne (Vancouver-Kingsway)
Bruchesi
Brunsdon
Campbell (Stormont)
Campeau
Cardin
Caron
Carter
Casselman, Mrs.
Cathers
Chambers
Charlton
Chevrier
Churchill
Comtois
Cooper
Creaghan
Crestohl
Crouse
Deschambault
Deschatelets
Diefenbaker
Dinsdale
Dorion
Drouin
Drysdale
Dubois
Dumas
Eudes
Fairclough, Mrs.
Fairfield

Fane
Fleming (Okanagan-Revelstoke)
Flynn
Forbes
Fortin
Garland
Gour
Graftey
Granger
Green
Grenier
Grills
Gundlock
Habel
Hales
Halpenny
Hamilton (Qu'Appelle)
Hamilton (York West)
Harkness
Hees
Hellyer
Henderson
Hicks
Hodgson
Hornor (Acadia)
Hornor (Jasper-Edson)
Hornor (The Battlefords)
Houck
Howe
Johnson
Jones
Jorgenson
Keays
Kennedy
Kucherepa
Lahaye
Lambert
Leduc
Legere
Lennard
Letourneau
MacEwan
MacInnis
MacLean (Queens)
MacLean (Winnipeg North Centre)
Macquarrie
MacRae
McDonald
(Hamilton South)
McFarlane
McGee
McGrath
McGregor