

## THE SENATE

Monday, November 24, 1952

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, before we proceed with any further matters I should perhaps make a brief explanation of the business to come before the house at this sitting.

Contrary to our general practice of adjourning on the opening day of the session until the following Tuesday, I asked the honourable senator from Kootenay East (Hon. Mr. King) to move on my behalf on Thursday afternoon last that the house be adjourned until this evening at 8 o'clock. I made that suggestion because there is a large volume of legislation ready to be presented; indeed, I believe that the fourteen bills which I shall place before the house tonight constitute a record in volume of legislation to be introduced so early in a session. Some of these measures are very important and warrant as much time and consideration as honourable senators will be able to give them. It is for that reason that I am presenting them at the earliest possible moment. Two of them were previously before us. Honourable senators will recall that last session a considerable amount of work was done on the Criminal Code Bill, but it was decided that the measure should not be dealt with at that time. A new bill is to be introduced this evening. Honourable senators will recall also that a bill to revise the Food and Drugs Act was introduced last session, but merely for the purpose of giving it distribution. It is again being brought forward, with the idea that we shall consider it here during this session and, I assume, hold hearings on it in committee. As I am anxious to make as rapid progress with these particular measures as is consistent with proper consideration of them, I will ask that they be given second reading tomorrow. In the case of the other bills, there will be the customary forty-eight hours' notice, so they will not be dealt with before Wednesday.

Further, with a view to facilitating early reference of these bills to committee, if they receive second reading, I should like to have certain standing committees set up as soon as possible. With that object in view I suggested today to the Selection Committee that they present this evening an interim report concerning three standing committees namely, Banking and Commerce, to which

ordinarily the Criminal Code Bill would be referred; Public Health and Welfare, to which, I suggest, the Food and Drugs Bill be sent, if it obtains second reading; and Standing Orders, which it is necessary to bring into existence as soon as possible because there are two or three private bills requiring early consideration.

In due course, when the order is called, the Chairman of the Selection Committee will propose the adoption of the interim report on these three committees.

A considerable number of places remain to be filled on each of these committees. On Banking and Commerce, for instance, ten appointments remain to be made: they consist of two vacancies, in any event; and there are eight senators, members of the committee last session, who during the last twenty-three sittings of the committee attended either no meeting at all or only one, and whose names have been omitted from the list. I have suggested, however, that if any of these senators desire to serve this year and are able to do so, they shall have prior consideration for the vacant appointments. Similarly, there are ten vacancies on Public Health and Welfare which may be filled by any senators who care to act on that committee.

With that explanation, may I suggest that the Senate consider passing the interim report this evening, so that the three committees may be organized tomorrow and be ready to deal with the bills mentioned if the Senate sees fit to give them second reading.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

**Hon. J. A. McDonald** presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

*The Report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:*

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 Committees on Banking and Commerce, Public Health and Welfare, and Standing Orders, namely:—

#### BANKING AND COMMERCE

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Baird, Beaubien, Bouffard, Burchill, Crerar, Davies, Dessureault, Emmerson, Euler, Fallis, Farris, Gershaw, Gouin, (x) Haig, Hardy, Hawkins, Hayden, Horner, Howard, Howden, Hugessen, King, Kinley, Lambert, MacKinnon, MacLennan, McDonald, McGuire, McIntyre, McLean, Nicol, Paterson, Pirie, Pratt, Quinn, (x) Robertson, Roebuck, Taylor, Vaillancourt, Vien and Wilson. (40).

(x) *Ex officio member.*

#### PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Honourable Senators Blais, Bouchard, Burchill, Burke, Comeau, David, Davis, Dupuis, Fallis,