

Hon. Mr. Howard: Yes. I move that Rule 119 be suspended in so far as it relates to this bill.

The motion was agreed to.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Howard moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

COMMONS AMENDMENT CONCURRED IN

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of an amendment made by the House of Commons to Bill I, an Act to incorporate Canadian Home Assurance Company.

Hon. Mr. Bishop moved the concurrence in the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Haig: What is the amendment?

Hon. Mr. Bishop: The company was given power to write insurance against what is called civil commotion—in other words, riot insurance. That is in addition to their other powers.

The motion was agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Before the Senate adjourns, I should mention that notices have been sent out stating that the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications will meet after the house rises, the suggested hour being 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Senate will not meet again today, but will sit tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Has any step been taken to have a record of the proceedings of the committee?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: That is a matter for the committee itself to decide.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I understand that Senate approval is necessary before such action can be taken, and if the matter is deferred until the committee meets, it may be too late.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I suppose that, if anybody so desires, affirmative action by the committee could be confirmed by this house.

Hon. Mr. Haig: That is not quite correct. If a committee decides to publish and distribute reports of its proceedings, the consent of the house is necessary, but the committee on its own authority can call in reporters. Very often reporters are present at meetings of committees, and the proceedings are not published because publication is not desired.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: I think a record of the committee's proceedings would be of great interest.

Hon. Mr. Haig: We can act upon that later.

Hon. Mr. Dupuis: Provided that there will be reporters present.

Hon. Mr. Leger: What the committee will be considering are private bills. I do not think there should be publication.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: It would be a matter for the committee.

Hon. Mr. Leger: It would be an expense, and to no purpose.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.