

Mr. Sharp for Mr. Marchand (Langelier), seconded by Mr. MacEachen, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Railway Act, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Sharp,—That Bill C-38, An Act respecting the office of the Secretary to the Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations and respecting the Clerk of the Privy Council, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

After further debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

And debate continuing;

Mr. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. Brewin, proposed to move in amendment thereto,—That Bill C-44 be not now read a second time, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of the House the subject of salaries and allowances of Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers should be referred by the Government to an independent commission.

And debate arising thereon;

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

(Private Bills)

Bill S-18, An Act respecting International Air Transport Association, was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

(Public Bills)

The Order being read for the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of Bill C-225, An Act respecting the right of the public to information concerning the public business;

Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Alexander, moved,—That the Bill be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs;

And debate arising thereon;

On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Baldwin, it was ordered,—That the subject-matter of Bill C-225, An Act respecting the right of the public to information concerning the public business, be referred to the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments and that the Order for second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs be discharged and the Bill withdrawn; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof.

By unanimous consent, the House reverted to "Motions".

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Cullen, it was ordered,—That the Guidelines for Motions for the Production of Papers Tabled this day by the President of the Privy Council (Sessional Paper No. 301-7/7) be referred to the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof.

Debate was resumed on the motion Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Salaries Act and the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

And on the proposed motion of Mr. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. Brewin, in amendment thereto,—That Bill C-44 be not now read a second time, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House the subject of salaries and allowances of Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers should be referred by the Government to an independent commission.

And debate continuing;

By unanimous consent, the House reverted to "Presenting Reports from Standing and Special Committees".

Mr. Leblanc (Laurier), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, presented the First Report of the Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, December 19, 1974, your Committee has considered Bill C-38, An Act respecting the office of the Secretary to the Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Relations and respecting the Clerk of the Privy Council, and has agreed to report it without amendment.