

and has convinced me further that the amendment is not procedurally in order. I am not suggesting this is an indirect way to divide the bill. I am not suggesting the amendment should be rejected on that basis. At the same time I am not accepting the suggestion of the honourable Member that this should be accepted as a reasoned amendment. It is not a reasoned amendment. It is largely a deviation or a change from the old established form of amendment which provides that the subject-matter of a bill or a motion before the House be referred to a special committee or a standing committee. What I believe is objectionable from a procedural standpoint in connection with this proposed amendment is that it goes into the details of the bill. I suggest that this cannot be done in the form of an amendment to refer the bill before the House—the second reading of this bill—to different entities or different bodies.

There is more to the matter than determining the body to which the subject-matter is to be referred. I fully agree with the suggestion made by honourable Members that the committees to which it is proposed to refer the several parts of the bill do exist, but as I have said there is more to the point than that. My difficulty in accepting the honourable Member's proposed motion is that it goes behind the bill and seeks to touch the different parts of the bill by way of an amendment which should normally not be used in this form. Perhaps the honourable Member in the course of this long debate, because I assume it will not finish tonight or tomorrow, and that we will be looking at it for some time, may have an opportunity with the assistance of one of his colleagues to propose an amendment which would be more procedurally acceptable to the Chair.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Drury for Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-207, An Act respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto, be now read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

And debate continuing;

*(Proceedings on Adjournment Motion)*

At 10.00 o'clock p.m., the question "That this House do now adjourn" was deemed to have been proposed pursuant to Standing Order 40(1);

After debate the said question was deemed to have been adopted.

*Changes in Committee Membership*

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Mr. Macquarrie for Mr. Carter on the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

Messrs. Saltsman and Guay (St. Boniface) for Messrs. Gleave and Cafik on the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Barnett for Mr. Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley) on the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Mr. Cafik for Mr. Guay (St. Boniface) on the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

*Returns and Reports Deposited with  
the Clerk of the House*

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. MacEachen, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Return to an Order of the House, dated May 20, 1970, for a copy of the consultant report by Branman Associates Limited on the design, development, administration, evaluation and report on test instruments administered to students of E. D. Feehan High School who are involved in the Indian history and culture course, undertaken for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as mentioned in answer to Question Number 584 at page 22 of the Return.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 418*)—Sessional Paper No. 283-3/418.

By Mr. MacEachen,—Return to an Order of the House, dated January 20, 1971, for a copy of the consultant report by D. W. Carr and Associates of Ottawa, prepared for the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority regarding the future role of the Seaway in Canada's rural transportation.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 44*)—Sessional Paper No. 283-3/44.

By Mr. MacEachen,—Return to an Order of the House, dated January 20, 1971, for a copy of the Carr Study or Report regarding the St. Lawrence Seaway.—(*Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 167*)—Sessional Paper No. 283-3/167.

At 10.14 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until tomorrow at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).