

and related matters. Perhaps some reference will also be made to the long experience which we have had and to the fact that we will be bringing to a close a job that has lasted for a hundred years.

This motion is merely to reconstitute the committee as it stood prior to the prorogation of the last session. The members of the committee at that time were Senators Blois, Burchill, Cameron, Croll, Farris, Fergusson, Gladstone, Haig, Hollett, Inman, Irvine, Isnor, Kinley, Roebuck and Smith, with Senators Flynn and Martin *ex officio* members.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: As I recall, there were a few appeals, and at that time the general committee as then constituted, the members of which were just read out by Senator Roebuck, did not sit. That committee did not sit on an appeal. Do I take it that we will not name a special committee to hear this appeal, but that the general committee will be sitting and hearing the appeal?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: No. I think the objections taken at that time still stand, that the appeal should not be made to the committee that has already passed judgment on the case.

Perhaps the Leader of the Government in the Senate will make the motion. The motion for appeal will, of course, be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, which committee will no doubt arrange with the leader in appointing a special committee to hear that particular appeal case. Perhaps the members will be five in number, as previously, and it will be based, for the most part at least, on those who were not members of the former Committee on Divorce, although a minority of them would be acceptable. Certainly the chairman will not be a member of the former Committee on Divorce. I have at the present moment an understanding with Senator Phillips (Rigaud) that he will be the chairman of that appeal committee, if honourable senators concur in my suggestion in that respect.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Martin: Honourable senators, I would suggest that we rise now to return at 8 o'clock. The Acting Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Choquette) will then resume the debate on the Speech from the Throne and, in accordance with practice, I will follow. Before that, the Orders of the Day will be called, which should not take long. I know that the

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Acting Leader of the Opposition has been working hard on his speech. I have had sympathy for him all day. Perhaps after I have listened to it I might feel it would have been better had I not been here even to listen to him.

The Senate adjourned until 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

RULES OF THE SENATE

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Leave having been given to revert to Notices of Motions:

Hon. Harland de M. Molson: Honourable senators, I would move, seconded by Senator Desruisseaux:

That for this day and for the sole purpose of complying with Rule 84, the Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the Senate be deemed to have been reconstituted as it was constituted prior to the prorogation of the preceding session.

Honourable senators, the Special Committee on the Rules of the Senate died on prorogation, but it had not, at that stage, complied with one of the rules which the committee itself felt keenly about and which the chamber, in discussing the rules in Committee of the Whole, agreed with wholeheartedly. I refer to Rule 84, which reads:

Within sixty days following its report to the Senate, a special committee, and a standing committee that has been instructed to make a special study, shall report to the Senate with reasonable detail the expenses incurred by that committee in its work.

I think there was then general agreement that committees, as it says in the rule, special committees or committees carrying out a special study, who are given the power by the chamber to incur expenses, should quite rightly make a report in reasonable detail and within a reasonable period of time. In order to comply with that rule, I have asked leave to have this motion approved, and in doing so I would like to table this report on the Special Committee on the Rules of the Senate.

The Clerk Assistant (reading):

Pursuant to Rule 84, your Committee reports the expenses of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the