Proposed Legislation

and then proceed to the following item, introduction of bills. Perhaps a motion might be made to that effect.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TABLING OF REPORT OF INQUIRY RESPECTING ONTARIO SUPREME COURT JUDGE

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, there is a matter I should like to bring up under motions, if I may.

I am now tabling copies in French and in English of Mr. Justice Rand's report concerning Mr. Justice Landreville. Before doing so I wish to give notice that it is my intention to make a motion in accordance with the rules of the house at the first opportunity for an address to His Excellency praying that the judge be removed from office on the grounds set forth in the report. It is also the intention of the government to refer the motion to a committee of parliament so that the fullest inquiry can be made by parliament itself and so that the judge can be given an opportunity to appear and speak on his own behalf.

Mr. Speaker: Does the minister have leave to table the report?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY OPERATION ACT

PROVISION FOR RESUMPTION OF RAILWAY OPERATIONS AND SETTLEMENT OF LABOUR DISPUTE

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present Bill No. C-230, to provide for the resumption of operations of railways and for the settlement of the existing dispute with respect to terms and conditions of employment between railway companies and their employees.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of the house that the Prime Minister shall have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time?

Mr. Starr: Later this day.

Mr. Speaker: By consent, later this day?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Speaker, we should have some clear understanding whether or not it is to be later this day. We want every opportunity to discuss and examine this bill before we debate it. So far as this party is concerned we would be prepared to proceed with second reading to the extent of having the minister introducing the bill make a full and clear statement. We think, however, that the debate should certainly be adjourned then in order to allow hon. members an opportunity to digest it. Otherwise we shall ask that the debate on the bill be left over until tomorrow.

Mr. McIlraith: Could I ask a question of the hon. member by way of clarification. Would his remarks apply equally if the house were to proceed with the second reading stage to the point of the presentation of the bill by the government followed by the reply by the Leader of the Opposition before the adjournment?

Mr. Douglas: If the official opposition are going to reply I think the other parties must have the same right at the same time.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

An hon. Member: You are holding it up.

Mr. Douglas: It seems to me that before we have the debate on this legislation we should have an opportunity to study it and examine it in detail. If the feeling is that the house does not want to adjourn after the minister has introduced the bill and made his statement, I should think it would be better to leave the debate until tomorrow.

An hon. Member: Why wait?

Mr. Speaker: The question before the Chair is whether, by unanimous consent, the said bill is to be read a second time later this day.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

TRANSPORTATION

PROVISION FOR DEFINITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL POLICY

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I understand that in conformity with the order of the house it is now in order for me to ask leave to move the first reading of Bill No. C-231, to define and implement a national transportation policy for Canada, to amend the Railway Act and other acts in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential provisions.