

THE SENATE

Thursday, June 24, 1948.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

INCOME TAX BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 338, an Act respecting Income Taxes.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: With the indulgence of the Senate, I should like, if possible, to have second reading this afternoon. I would suggest that this item be placed at the bottom of the Order Paper. I hope that by the time we have disposed of the other items we shall be in possession of the printed copies of this bill.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: That is agreeable.

PRIVATE BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE—BILL WITHDRAWN

Hon. SALTER A. HAYDEN presented and moved concurrence in the report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications on Bill E, an Act respecting the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company and Canadian National Railway Company.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of January 29, 1948, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report thereon as follows:

Application having been made for leave to withdraw the bill, the committee recommended that leave be granted accordingly.

The motion was agreed to.

LORD'S DAY BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. ELIE BEAUREGARD presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 344, an Act to amend the Lord's Day Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of June 22, 1948, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

IMMIGRATION

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. CAIRINE R. WILSON presented the report of the Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour on the operation and administration of the Immigration Act.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Will the said report be printed in *Hansard*, in order that we may read it?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: If that is the desire of the house, yes.

Hon. Mrs. WILSON: The members of the committee would like to have the report appear in *Hansard*.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I take it that leave is granted.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

(See appendix at end of today's report.)

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall the report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mrs. WILSON: Next sitting.

INCOME WAR TAX BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. J. E. SINCLAIR presented and moved concurrence in the report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the amendments made by the committee to Bill 330, an Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of June 17, 1948, further considered the said amendments and now beg leave to report thereon.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

(1) Page 5, lines 38 to 40: Delete "and by deleting the words 'seven per centum per annum' wherever they appear therein and substituting the words 'eight per centum per annum' therefor".

(2) Page 6, line 47: Delete "two" and substitute "one".

Hon. Mr. HOWARD: I think there is some mistake in the reading of the amendments.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: There must be a mistake some place, because the committee refused to consider eight per cent interest on arrears of income tax and the minister agreed to cut it down to seven per cent.