

saying that the report will be accepted unanimously; but I venture to say that the House will accept the report, and that we shall be able to put through the Bill, even though it involves the rejection of certain sections. It cannot then be said that the Senate was remiss in its duty in dealing with this subject, even though prorogation may be delayed.

Such action would preclude the statement that the Senate was not prepared to give proper consideration to this very important measure, and, furthermore, it will have the advantage, if we should reject any of the principles of the Bill—principles which are entirely unique and new—of permitting the Government to introduce amendments next Session if it feels so disposed. It is desirable, I think, that legal sanction should be given to certain practices the Department has followed in administering this Act notwithstanding the absence of legal provision therefor.

If my honourable friend can see his way to accept this proposal, I will undertake to say that a report will be brought in this afternoon, so that the House may deal with it before evening.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, this is practically the last Bill with which we have to deal. I am agreeable to the suggestion of my honourable friend. We can take the second reading of the Bill now, and appoint a special Committee. I will name four members, and my honourable friend will name four, and then we can adjourn until 3 o'clock.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

MOTION FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will the honourable gentleman give me the names that he proposes?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Hon. Messrs. Black, Macdonell, Sharpe and the mover.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I move that the Committee be composed of Hon. Messieurs Black, Macdonell, Sharpe, Sir James Lougheed, Dandurand, Ross, Tessier and Pardee.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Honourable gentlemen, I will vote against this proposal because, in my judgment, there is sufficient evidence to warrant consideration of the Bill by the Committee of the Whole House. A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse, and the opening remarks of the leader of the

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED.

Government, supplemented by the observations of the leader of the Opposition, leave me in no doubt as to the intention of the Committee that has been so seriously proposed to report upon the Bill. In other words, I will state quite frankly that in my opinion this is an expedient to practically emasculate the Bill. For that reason I will oppose the motion and reserve to myself the right to continue to support those sections of the Bill of which I approve.

I am prepared to move to strike out certain clauses of this Bill; but I do think that this House, sitting in Committee of the Whole, could have disposed of those objectionable features, and at the same time have carried the main portion through to a final Act of Parliament. Therefore I will oppose the appointment of this Committee.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may state my views to the honourable gentleman. I will ask the Deputy Minister to appear before us, and will try to find out which clauses are so pressing as to necessitate legislation at this Session. If I carry the Committee with me, I intend to postpone such clauses as are not absolutely essential for the administration of the Act, or for the continuation of the bonus, upon which we are all agreed.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: Honourable gentlemen, I think it is important that the honourable gentleman from Edmonton (Hon. Mr. Griesbach) should be on this Committee.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: No.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: I think he understands this question more thoroughly than any other member of the House, and as he has studied it carefully, I think his presence on the Committee would be of great assistance in this matter.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I thank the honourable gentleman for his suggestion; but, holding the views that I have recently expressed, I could not serve on the Committee. I shall certainly attend the sittings of the Committee, if they are public, and shall be on hand when the Bill is under discussion.

The motion to refer the Bill to the Special Committee was agreed to.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS ADMINISTRATION

MOTION FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH- DRAWN

The Senate resumed from July 16 consideration of the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Bennett: