

(3) It may seek further information in relation to the bill by committees, commissioners, the production of papers or other evidence."

The learned author goes on to state: "Such amendments have tended in modern times to become rather stereotyped and are confined generally to the first two categories."

Although category (3), as described by the author, may have become obsolescent in the British House of Commons, a type of that category of amendment continues in our practice under the form of a motion to refer the subject-matter of a bill to a committee. Citation 386 of Beauchesne's fourth edition makes reference to that.

As stated on Wednesday last, and again in the description of reasoned amendments as found in May's, the proposed amendment is not contrary to or opposed in any shape or form to the principle of Bill C-207, nor is it opposed to the progress of the bill. It does seem to me that unless some of the conditions which I have outlined are met, the motion proposed by the honourable Member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe cannot be deemed to be a reasoned amendment. I therefore regret that I cannot accept it.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act, be now read a second time and be referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

After further debate, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

The Order being read for the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs of Bill C-208, An Act to amend the Pension Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act and the Department of Veterans Affairs Act, to provide for the annual adjustment of pensions and allowances payable thereunder.

Mr. Laing (Vancouver South), seconded by Mr. Munro, moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time

and be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

And debate arising thereon;

[At 4.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

(Notices of Motions)

Mr. Forrestall, seconded by Mr. Crouse moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the development, encouragement and maintenance of a co-ordinated, comprehensive, and long-range national program for the recovery and use of the resources of Canada's sea-coast waters and continental shelves; and to this end, effectively utilize the scientific and engineering knowledge and skills of the public service and government agencies and co-operate with private investment enterprise in the exploration, technological development and industrial use of the resources of the marine environment of Canada.—(Notice of Motion No. 5).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

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

By Mr. Munro, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Department of National Health and Welfare for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1970, pursuant to section 13 of the Department of National Health and Welfare Act, chapter N-9, R.S.C., 1970. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 284-1/18.

At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until Monday at 2.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).