THE SENATE

Thursday, February 10, 1949

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Acting Speaker (Hon. A. B. Copp) in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CHEESE AND CHEESE FACTORY IMPROVEMENT BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Crerar presented the report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources on Bill B, an Act to amend the Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of February 8, 1949, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: With leave of the Senate, now.

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

GAME EXPORT BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Crerar presented the report of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources on Bill F, an Act to amend the Game Export Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of February 9, 1949, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: With leave of the Senate, now.

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

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Lambert presented Bill L, an Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, Ottawa Transportation Commission and the Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: When shall this bill be placed on the Order Paper for second reading?

Hon. Mr. Lambert: Wednesday next.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. McDonald presented Bill M, an Act respecting the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company.

The bill was read the first time.

HON. CHARLES L. BISHOP

ELECTION AS HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. Burchill: Honourable senators, I read in this morning's newspapers that a most distinguished member of this chamber, the honourable senator from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Bishop) has been elected honorary president of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. I am sure that all honourable senators join with me in congratulating our colleague upon the honour paid him.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Bishop: Thank you.

CULLERS BILL

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson moved the third reading of Bill G, an Act to repeal the Cullers Act.

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

PENSION FUND SOCIETIES BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson moved the second reading of Bill D, an Act to amend the Pension Fund Societies Act.

He said: Honourable senators, I have asked the honourable senator from Toronto-Trinity to explain this bill.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, this bill, entitled an Act to amend the Pension Fund Societies Act, is just an incident, perhaps a small incident, in one of the important trends of our times—the trend towards social security. There is nothing that a human fears more in life than an age of penury or poverty under disability. Stark want in old age or sickness with disability is something we all fear, as I think we are ready to confess. So welfare schemes, pension plans and things of that kind are in the air today as never before in our lifetime, and I take it that we shall hear more of them as the years