

Private Bills

Berthier-Maskinongé-Delanaudière (Mr. Paul) and the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire) have pointed out, specifies the objects of that association and, in my opinion, they are contrary to what already exists in the British North America Act, namely, that education, whether at the higher or lower level, whether primary or secondary, falls within the jurisdiction of the provinces. Section 2 reads as follows:

The objects of the association shall be to foster and promote the interests of higher education in Canada.

In the circumstances, this bill conflicts with the constitution as we know it. That is why, in the province of Quebec, we would like to see the establishment of an association of colleges and universities not to promote the interests of higher education—and we accept that—but because that higher level of education is not the responsibility of the federal government and because this association will mainly serve as an agency of the federal government to foster a thing which does not come under the jurisdiction of that government.

May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman: It is not six o'clock.

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Chairman, I should like to support the remarks of my hon. friend from Shefford (Mr. Rondeau) and my hon. friend from Berthier-Maskinongé-Delanaudière (Mr. Paul) to the effect that we have to consider the bill before us as citizens of the province of Quebec. As such, we cannot allow the passing of this bill without sounding a warning on account of the danger, in this measure, of interference on the part of the federal government with the rights of the provinces.

That is all I wanted to say, but I want the rights which come under the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces, and the province of Quebec in particular, to be respected.

The Chairman: Order.

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The Chairman: It being six o'clock shall I rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

Mr. Ian Grant Wahn (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon Bill S-42, respecting the Interprovincial Pipe Line Company was reported back to the house without

[Mr. Rondeau.]

amendment. In view of the short time available for private members' bills I would ask unanimous consent of the house to give third reading to this bill now.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do we have unanimous consent to give third reading?

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, we consider all private bills to be equal, and they should be dealt with equally.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION TO BE
DEBATED UNDER ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to provisional standing order 39A I have to inform the house that the following question will be raised at ten o'clock this evening—the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Regan)—trans-Canada highway, Nova Scotia, reported kick-backs by truck operators.

The house will now revert to the business interrupted at five o'clock.

PENSIONS

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTRIBUTORY PROGRAM

The house resumed consideration in committee of Bill No. C-136, to establish a comprehensive program of old age pensions and supplementary benefits in Canada payable to and in respect of contributors—Miss LaMarsh—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 8 p.m.

The Chairman: Order. House in committee of the whole on Bill No. C-136, clause 91.

On clause 91—*Regulations*.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, at five o'clock I had asked either of the ministers concerned a question based on paragraph 7, subparagraph (iv), of the report of the special joint committee. Perhaps I might read this section again:

There should be scope for further benefits under private pension plans for those in a position to afford them, and integration of private pension plans with the Canada pension plan should be a matter of consultation between employers and employees.