

formed—and an outstanding industrialist, is, I understand, in some way qualified as an actuary! I will speak of Senator Hayden in a moment.

For myself, I was available and, to my great satisfaction and advantage, was in regular attendance, as Senator Hayden has already told you. At the numerous meetings of the subcommittee, I confess I learned much more than I was able to impart. I was tremendously impressed by the devotion and capacity exerted in the matter by all members of the subcommittee under the distinguished and dedicated leadership of Senator Hayden, who is, of course, the chairman of the main committee and was zealous in his other capacity as chairman of the subcommittee.

A thorough and exhaustive job of work was done, and I feel bound to say that this particular project provided a prime example of the quiet, hard work performed by the committees and, indeed, subcommittees of the Senate, work which is in the main unheralded and unsung, but which will be reflected for years to come, to the general advantage of all Canadians, in the statute books of this country.

In closing, honourable senators, I think we owe a vote of thanks to our able and willing Law Clerk, Mr. Hopkins, as well as to another able man in the Department of the Secretary of State, the brother of Premier Lesage of the Province of Quebec.

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I do not wish to detain the chamber for more than a few moments. Even if Senator Choquette had not said what he did, I believe it would be only proper for the Leader of the Government in this chamber to rise on this occasion, first of all, to thank the chairman and the members of this committee for the monumental task they have undertaken and discharged. This bill consisted of 42 printed pages when it came to the Senate. It was a voluminous bill. The amendments that were made by the subcommittee, were concurred in by the main committee, and which are now about to be approved by the Senate, comprised some ten pages of small printed material. This is one of the major and most voluminous pieces of legislation to come before Parliament this session.

Senator Choquette has said a great deal about the dedication and the capacity of the members both of the subcommittee and the main committee. I know the press will not bother with this particular portion of the debate. Nevertheless, this is an invaluable service rendered by dedicated parliamentarians to Parliament and to the country. I believe when the opportunity presents itself this fact should be pointed out. This is one of those occasions. This is the Senate operat-

ing at its best. This is a second chamber doing something that is invaluable for the country.

You might get this kind of expertise if you obtained the services of individual members of the bar, the profession of accountancy and from the ranks of business and industry in this country—if you could find a suitable forum. But, in addition to that, to have men who are experienced in dealing with legislation do this work in this most thorough, objective and nonpartisan way is a credit to our parliamentary institutions.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: And to the Senate.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Of course, to the Senate too. I hope that when people talk about what the Senate can do they will remember a performance like this.

Report adopted.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): With leave of the Senate, I move third reading now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

THE ESTIMATES

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—MOTION FOR CONCURRENCE—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. T. D'Arcy Leonard, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Estimates laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1965, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Estimates laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1965—

Some Hon. Senators: Dispense.

For text of report see appendix, pp. 1130-4.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker (Hon. F. W. Gershaw): Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Leonard, with leave of the Senate, moved that the report be taken into consideration now.

He said: Honourable senators, I understand that mimeographed copies of the report of the committee are now being distributed in the chamber, and of course the report will also be printed in today's proceedings. In the meantime with the assistance of these mimeographed copies you will be able to follow the report.