

The House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale),—That Bill C-7, An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications;

And on the motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mrs. MacInnis,—That the word "now" be deleted and that the words "this day six months hence" be added to the end of the motion.

And debate continuing;

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That the said bill, after second reading, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale),—That Bill C-7, An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada, be now read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

And on the motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mrs. MacInnis,—That the word "now" be deleted and that the words "this day six months hence" be added at the end of the motion in amendment thereto.

By unanimous consent, the said proposed amendment was withdrawn.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale),—That Bill C-7, An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1969, to the 30th day of June, 1970, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada, be now read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

And the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment and concurred in at the report stage.

By unanimous consent, the said bill was read the third time and passed.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: Earlier in this sitting, the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) raised a question of privilege dealing with a letter from the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) dated December 9, 1969, which had been considered by his party's caucus this morning and which referred to the availability of certain material paid for out of public funds which the members of the caucus had been invited to use without their having been consulted on the production of such material.