

Mr. POWER: I see no objection to their being introduced by unanimous consent.

Hon. Mr. MANION: I should like to present them this afternoon, and after that the bills can be studied in committee.

Hon. Mr. EULER: We cannot speak for the other members of the house.

Hon. Mr. MANION: I appreciate that. We would not need to spend very long on them. It is a matter of time saving, and I should like to introduce them this afternoon.

Mr. HANBURY: I am sorry, but I am still of the opinion that we should ask why these bills should be brought before this special committee rather than the railway committee; because if they are being brought before us, we are supposed to have some information as to their effect before we can bring in a report, and I do not think we should approve of them before we have information.

Hon. Mr. MANION: We are not approving them.

Mr. HANBURY: When they come before the house with unanimous approval?

Hon. Mr. MANION: It is not unanimous approval.

Mr. POWER: Only consent to approve.

Hon. Mr. EULER: I take it you are not going to make a report approving this bill, are you?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I had hoped that there would be unanimous consent, and that could be incorporated in the report. I had not foreseen the opposition of Dr. Price and Mr. Hanbury. Since there is opposition, I do not wish to do that; but in view of the opposition I should like to have the committee agree to my introduction of them as soon as possible. So far as they are concerned, they have no particular objection to their getting unanimous consent to their introduction; otherwise, I have to give 48 hours' notice.

Hon. Mr. EULER: Objection to introduction would only mean a delay of a day or so.

Hon. Mr. MANION: That is all; you are not approving of it in any way, Mr. Hanbury, or Dr. Price, or anybody else.

Mr. HANBURY: My point is this, Mr. Chairman, until we can get all the information that we can on the merits of this bill, I feel justified in taking any means that I have at my disposal.

Hon. Mr. MANION: That is your privilege.

Hon. Mr. EULER: You do not wish to oppose its introduction?

Hon. Mr. MANION: I could have asked for it. I brought it up to the committee because this committee was sitting. Somebody asked why it was not taken before the other committee. The reason is that it was not sitting. This committee happened to be sitting, and I thought I should bring it up here. That is the real reason.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not quite understand. This bill has to be reported by some committee, and I cannot see how the minister can introduce it without the committee reporting it.

Hon. Mr. EULER: No, we do not report it.

Mr. POWER: It is not before this committee at all. We are discussing it only in an academic way.

The CHAIRMAN: That is satisfactory to me.

Mr. HANBURY: Is it the intention to have this bill referred to this committee?