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In reconsidering my amendment, Mr. Chairman, I realize we would also have to strike out all the words in subclause 2. So that the Minister of Justice and his Parliamentary Secretary, as well as hon. members, are clear, we are striking out the words in subclause 1 after the words "pending his trial" and also all the words in subclause 2. I think that gives the meaning of the amendment.

The Chairman: Just so the Chair is clear, is the hon. member for Broadview amending the amendment that is now before the House by striking out all the words in subclause 2 of clause 7?

Mr. Gilbert: Yes, Mr. Chairman, together with the words I have mentioned in subclause 1.

The Chairman: I wonder if the hon. member would send his amendment to the Chair in writing. The Chair has an amendment in writing to subclause 1 and I understand that the hon. member also seeks to amend clause 7 by striking out subclause 2.

Mr. Gilbert: You are right, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Perhaps the hon. member would give the Chair a note to the effect that subclause 2 is to be deleted. We would then be complying with the rules.

Mr. Gilbert: I will send it to the Chair in a moment. Prior to the passing of the regulations under the War Measures Act and the introduction of Bill C-181 it could be said without hesitation that the Minister of Justice was one of the most progressive reformers we have had in the House of Commons. When I think of the great work he did in respect of the official languages bill and the omnibus bill amending the Criminal Code, I realize he demonstrated an attitude of conciliation and flexibility.

The Chairman: Order, please. Before the committee rises, perhaps the Chair should put the amendment moved by the hon. member for Broadview. Does the committee agree that the amendment that has been placed before the committee be further amended by adding that subclause 2 of clause 7 of Bill C-181 be deleted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: The amendment now before the committee is in the following form:

That clause 7(1) be amended by striking out all the words in the said clause after the words "pending his trial" in the third line thereof so that the subclause will read:

"a person charged with an offence under section 4 shall be detained in custody without bail pending his trial unless an order for his release on bail is made by a court having jurisdiction under the Criminal Code"; and

That subclause 2 be deleted.

It being four o'clock, it is my duty to rise, report progress and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Progress reported.

[Mr. Gilbert.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, might I be allowed to ask at this time what the business of the House will be on Monday? Having in mind that we have made rapid progress and appear to have dealt with one clause of this bill, I should like to know whether the government can give any indication of its intentions in regard to the business for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Monday of which week, Mr. Speaker? The intention is that on Monday and Tuesday of next week, if necessary, we will continue with this particular bill. It would also be the intention, subject to discussion, to have the shirt surtax motion considered at an appropriate time and, as the next item following that, the bill in respect of statutory instruments.

• (4:00 p.m.)

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a supplementary question of the acting House leader arising out of his reference to the statutory instruments bill? This motion in part provides that there be a committee of the House to deal with the matter. Is it the intention of the government to bring in at the same time a motion in respect of the establishing of that committee, since obviously it would save time if we debated the two matters together rather than separately.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I have not been in touch with that question during the last several weeks. I would have to inquire of my colleague, the President of the Privy Council, in this regard. I would hope to be able to make that matter clear before we proceed with the bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, public bills.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

REFERRAL OF BILLS IN NAME OF MR. STEWART (COCHRANE) TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: On Friday, October 30, 1970, when the order for the consideration of Bill C-7, to amend the Canadian Commercial Corporation Act, was called, a point of order was raised by the Chair to the effect that the bill contained a money provision. Following consultation with the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Stewart) and other hon. members, it was thought desirable that some consideration might be given by a Standing Committee to the principle set forth in Bill C-7 and 37 other bills standing in the hon. member's name.

In order to meet that request it has been suggested that by unanimous consent of the House the financial provisions be struck from the several bills and that their