

eventually move on to third reading of the bill and amendments are moved which will make it possible for the House to consider the very interesting aspects of the matters incorporated in such amendments, then I shall certainly look at the amendments objectively and, if they are within the rules, allow the House to consider them.

I regret very much that I have to reach this decision. It has caused me much anguish and pain, and I hope all honourable Members will appreciate the difficult position in which the Chair is placed in such circumstances.

On motion of Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, the said bill was concurred in at the report stage.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moved,—That the said bill be now read a third time and do pass.

And a point of order having been raised by the honourable Member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander);

[At 5.00 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called pursuant to Standing Order 15(4)]

(Notices of Motions)

By unanimous consent, items numbered five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve were allowed to stand.

Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. MacLean, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should introduce amendments to the Public Service Employment Act, the Public Service Staff Relations Act and the Canada Labour Code to ensure that all the provisions of the Canada Labour Code relating to fair employment practices will apply to the public service of Canada.—(Notice of Motion No. 13).

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Andras, seconded by Mr. MacEachen,—That Bill C-124, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 (No. 1), be now read a third time and do pass, and on a point of order raised by the honourable Member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander);

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I thank honourable Members for their contributions. Earlier today, when Bill C-124 was called for third reading, the honourable Member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) raised a point of order to the effect that Bill C-124 could not be proceeded with

at this time. It was the honourable Member's contention that since certain moneys were to be provided under vote L30a and since that money could not be authorized until the passage of a supply bill incorporating vote L30a, the wording of clause (2) of Bill C-124 was meaningless and invalid. The honourable Member suggested that the word "authorized" as used in clause (2) of Bill C-124, meant authorized by an appropriation act. While the Chair dealt in a preliminary way with the point of order on January 25, as will be found at page 661 of *Hansard*, it should be said that the question of considering concurrent or interdependent bills, if that phrase may be used, has been raised on other occasions in recent years.

On April 20, 1970, as recorded in *Hansard* at pages 6046-7, the honourable Member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) raised a point of order relating to Bill C-204, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act. He contended that it was defective inasmuch as that bill incorporated, by reference, certain provisions of two statutes which did not then exist; namely, the Canada Water Act and the Northern Inland Waters Act.

The honourable Member went on to say that presumably those references related to Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources, and Bill C-187, An Act respecting inland water resources in the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories, both of which were before Standing Committees of this House for clause-by-clause consideration. "We cannot be asked" he said, "to assume that these bills will come out of committee unamended or pass through the necessary further proceedings in this House and in the other place unamended. We cannot even assume that the similar provisions in this bill and the other two bills will come out in the same legislative form. They will be dealt with by three different committees; the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry. Until these other two bills are in perfect shape as statutes, this bill must be considered to be in imperfect shape". That is the end of the quote from the argument of the honourable Member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse).

It was suggested on that occasion by the Chair that the honourable Member's point of order was very interesting and not without merit, but as suggested, it might have been premature. The matter did not arise again.

I might also refer honourable Members to *Hansard* for July 30, 1958, at pages 2872 to 2874, wherein a discussion is reported in relation to other companion bills, that is, bills with interdependent provisions.

On that occasion, bills to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Customs Tariff were being considered, and, while no decision was made by the Chair, it would be fair to suggest, I think, that it was felt at that time that it was not a question of order but rather a matter of