

Bill C-182, An Act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, was again considered at the report stage.

Whereupon, the House resumed debate on the motion of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Bell,—That Bill C-182, An Act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by deleting therefrom Clause 26 at pages 12 and 13 and substituting therefor:

“26. (1) Every statutory instrument issued, made or established, other than an instrument the inspection of which and the obtaining of copies of which are precluded by any regulations made pursuant to paragraph (d) of section 27, shall stand permanently referred to a Committee of the House of Commons, of the Senate or of both Houses of Parliament that shall be established before the coming into force of this Act for the purpose of reviewing and scrutinizing statutory instruments.

(2) The standing orders of the House of Commons that are applicable to a standing committee of that House shall apply to the Committee established under subsection (1).

(3) Where a statutory instrument stands referred to such Committee, the Committee has, in respect of such statutory instrument, the power to recommend that the same be approved, varied or repealed.”

And on the motion of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West), seconded by Mr. Fairweather,—That Bill C-182, An Act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by renumbering Clause 26 thereof as 26 (1) and adding the following:

“(2) The said committee further shall have the power to recommend by way of report to the House of Commons the amendment, replacement or annulment of any statutory instrument referred to it.

(3) In the event that the said committee should in any report recommend the amendment, replacement or annulment of any statutory instrument such report shall be brought on for consideration in the House of Commons within fifteen sitting days after the tabling thereof in the same session, if such be possible, or within the first twenty sitting days in the next session following and any debate thereon shall continue subject to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, until the report shall have been finally disposed of.”

After further debate, the question being put on the said motions, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, recorded divisions, were deferred.

Mr. McCleave, seconded by Mr. Gundlock moved,—That Bill C-182, An Act to provide for the examination,

publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by deleting therefrom Clause 30 at page 18.

After debate thereon, the said motion, by unanimous consent, was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Béchard, seconded by Mr. Francis, moved,—That Bill C-182 (Reprinted as Amended and Reported by the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs) be amended by striking out lines 34 to 38 on page 18 and substituting the following:

‘41. (1) Every regulation, as defined in the *Statutory Instruments Act*, made under the authority of this Act shall be published in the *Canada Gazette* within thirty days after it is made.

(2) Where a regulation has been published in the *Canada Gazette* pursuant to subsection (1), a notice of motion in either House signed by ten members thereof and made in accordance with the rules of that House within seven days of the day the regulation was published or, if Parliament is not then sitting, on any of the first seven days next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, praying that the regulation be revoked or amended, shall be debated in that House at the first convenient opportunity within the four sitting days next after the day the motion in that House was made.’

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

And the House having reverted to the deferred division on the motion of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Bell,—That Bill C-182, An Act to provide for the examination, publication and scrutiny of regulations and other statutory instruments, be amended by deleting therefrom Clause 26 at pages 12 and 13 and substituting therefor:

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