

Section agreed to.

Sections 10 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Mr. STIRLING: Could the minister give us any idea when section 14 will be operative?

Mr. HOWE: As soon as the formalities can be complied with. The new make-up of the organization must be filed with the civil service commission. All the people in the department who intend to stay in must be blanketed into the new department. I anticipate that it will become operative by the middle of December.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE: I should like to call item No. 9 on to-day's order paper.

Mr. STIRLING: How does the minister make that comport with what was mentioned at eleven o'clock last night?

Mr. MACKENZIE: It was not mentioned last night.

Mr. STIRLING: What preparation can members of the house make if we are to jump around like that. We were arranging for agriculture estimates and two resolutions in the name of the Minister of Labour.

Mr. MACKENZIE: May I point out to my hon. friend that there is a technical difficulty with regard to this resolution. If the house will waive that difficulty we shall proceed with it. The difficulty is this. If my hon. friend will look at page 2 of to-day's order paper he will see that there was a report from the committee on external affairs to which an amendment was moved by the Minister of Justice. Both resolutions respecting the International Labour Office have reference to the report which has not yet been adopted by the house. However, as I said last night, if the house were prepared to waive that, we could deal with the resolutions.

Mr. STIRLING: I do not follow that. What are the numbers of the resolutions about which the hon. member is speaking?

Mr. MACKENZIE: Items Nos. 10 and 11 on to-day's order paper.

Mr. STIRLING: Does the minister say that they have already been committed?

Mr. MACKENZIE: They were referred to the committee on external affairs. That committee reported back to the house, and when the report was made an amendment, which has not yet been disposed of, was moved. This appears at page 2 on to-day's order paper.

Mr. STIRLING: I remember the incident to which the minister refers. If I remember correctly, it was the final paragraph of the report which was questioned. That in no way affected the rest of it.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Correct. I think the house might very well deal with these two labour resolutions.

Mr. STIRLING: Yes; it would be agreeable to proceed with them.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Then I shall ask that item No. 10 on to-day's order paper be called.

Mr. MacINNIS: Surely this is not correct procedure.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Only by unanimous consent.

Mr. MacINNIS: I do not believe even unanimous consent can help. We cannot just deal with these rules as we might like. These two resolutions were referred to a committee of the house, and that committee has made a report concerning them. The report has been moved, but it has not yet been debated. How can we deal with what was referred to the committee, without dealing with the report that was made by the committee on what was referred to it? It seems to me that if we are to be logical we cannot throw things around like that.

Mr. STIRLING: The state of affairs is exactly as the hon. member has described it. When I spoke I was referring to the position in which the house is placed. The leaders and the whips have met, with an idea to making progress—if progress is possible. But this can be done only with unanimous consent. If the hon. member does not give unanimous consent, then that is the end of it.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I do not like to be technical in these matters, and if there is any objection we shall not proceed. However if the hon. member will look at page 251 of *Votes and Proceedings* he will find that the committee definitely recommended these two resolutions. However, I am not insisting, if there is any objection.

Mr. MacINNIS: If we proceed in this way, what becomes of the special motion on the second page of the order paper?

Mr. MACKENZIE: The contention there had nothing to do with these two resolutions. I believe the committee was unanimous in recommending them. However, if the hon. member objects, I shall not insist. Would the house agree to unanimous consent, so that we might proceed with these resolutions?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Proceed.