

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: And I was unkind enough to call your attention to that last session. There was another reason for that.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Not that I know of.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The woman involved was, I think, the daughter of an official of Birk's jewellery store in Montreal. That was the difference.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Honourable senators, we have spent a great deal more time on this case than either one of the participants deserves.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. COPP: The motion is for the second reading of this Bill. The motion of my honourable friend from Alma (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) is really an amendment to the motion. The only question now before the House is whether we accept the motion for second reading.

Hon. Mr. COTE: We are discussing the motion for second reading.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Exactly.

Hon. Mr. COTÉ: The motion of the honourable senator from Alma (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne) is that the Bill be not now read a second time, but be referred to the committee for further consideration.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Rule 25 says:

No notice is required for any of the following motions:

(a) By way of amendment to a question.

We have an amendment to the motion for second reading.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: With the consent of my seconder, I will withdraw my motion. Then we can decide on the motion for second reading.

Hon. Mr. COPP: That is right.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question is on the second reading of this Bill. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Carried!

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: No!

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Those in favour of the motion will please say "Content."

Some Hon. SENATORS: Content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Those against will please say "Non-content."

Some Hon. SENATORS: Non-content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: In my opinion the Contents have it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX BILL FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 122, an Act to amend the Excess Profits Tax Act, 1940.

The Bill was read the first time.

WAR ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS IN OTTAWA

ORDER FOR RETURN

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, before we adjourn I should like to revert to Inquiry No. 1 on the Order Paper, which stands in the name of the honourable senator from Pictou (Hon. Mr. Tanner). He has given notice that he will inquire of the Government as follows:

1. The properties and buildings in the city of Ottawa and adjoining district acquired by the Government by purchase, lease and construction for war administrative purposes since the outbreak of war in 1939, giving: (a) the location of each property and building, (b) the cost of acquisition, erection, repair, additions and reconditioning in each case, (c) the cost of furnishing in each case, (d) the branches of war administration housed in the respective buildings, and (e) the number of persons employed in each building.

2. The buildings in the city which were erected by the Government and used or intended to be used for purposes other than war administration, and which have been taken over as office space for war administration; the branches of Government housed in each one; the cost of furnishing, and the number of persons employed in each one.

3. Similar information as in paragraph one in respect to properties and buildings now contracted for and under construction, and in respect to buildings construction of which is not started.

I would ask that this be changed to an order for a return.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.