

Mr. CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, I desire

Mr. BORDEN: I beg to move that further consideration of the second, third, fourth—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Who has the floor, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: I had no time to call any clause of the Bill, and I think it is out of order for a member to rise before that is done.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Then, we are all out of order.

The CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 21, section 2.

Mr. BORDEN: I beg to move:

That further consideration of the second, third, fourth and fifth sections and the proposed sixth section of this Bill shall be the first business of the committee and shall not be further postponed.

Mr. ETHIER: I ask that the motion be read in French.

The motion was then read in French.

Mr. GRAHAM: Has clause 6 been printed?

The CHAIRMAN: As this is a public Bill, I do not think it requires to be printed.

Mr. CARROLL: Mr. Chairman, I desire—

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I declare the motion carried?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Committee divided on motion of Mr. Borden: Yeas, 71; nays, 44.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just wish to enter my protest against your putting the question while the hon. member for South Cape Breton (Mr. Carroll) had the floor and was addressing you. It was entirely inexcusable to do so.

On section 2:

From and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Before we proceed, as we are coming for the first time to the application of the new rules of the House—

Mr. BUREAU: Call it the gag.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I have no objection to calling it the gag; it is the same thing. I take it that the light we have

had on the discussion has not been very illuminating, and I would like to ask my right hon. friend what the rule means. The notice he gave last night was to the effect that clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the new clause 6, would be the first consideration. There are, therefore, four clauses of the Bill to be examined as it stands now. I understand that, as we are limited, one member may speak only once, and each speech must be limited to twenty minutes. Do I understand that no one can speak more than once in the debate, or do I understand that a member can speak upon each clause and that upon each clause he is limited to twenty minutes? May he speak five times in this debate, or only once?

Mr. BORDEN: I understand that each member can speak once only on each clause as it comes up, up to two o'clock, the time mentioned in the rule, and that no member may exceed twenty minutes. For example, if we should take a vote upon clause 2 at five o'clock, then we proceed to clause 3, and so on through the evening, and upon each clause a member has the right to speak twenty minutes if he has the floor.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: And at two o'clock, if we have not finished our work, what then?

Mr. BORDEN: We take the vote.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Oh—the kangaroo.

Mr. W. F. CARROLL (South Cape Breton): I wish to say a few words on this clause and on the Bill before the very final stages are reached. I am rather sorry, Mr. Chairman, that, having had the floor first this afternoon, you did not give me an opportunity to say what I had to say at that time.

The CHAIRMAN: I think the hon. member is reflecting on the Chair. I gave the reasons at the time; I had not called any order, and nothing had been put before the committee.

Mr. CARROLL: I am expressing merely my sorrow that you did not permit me to speak when I had the floor. Notwithstanding that fact, there are a few observations which I wish to make. And it is a good thing that there are occasions in this Parliament when an ordinary, humble member of the House is entitled, notwithstanding the present rule, to say a few words, not only on behalf of the particular constituency he represents, but also on behalf of the public at large. There is no doubt that this question has had a lot of consideration; it has been very widely and rather freely discussed. But there are some phases of the question that, to my mind, have not been brought to the atten-