

## THE SENATE

Friday, December 14, 1951

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, before we proceed to the Orders of the Day, I should like to make a brief statement as to our future program. Last night in the other house the Minister of Public Works (Hon. Mr. Fournier) intimated that that house would take up today Bill No. 41, an Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act; Bill No. 42, an Act respecting the National Gallery of Canada; Bill No. 8, an Act to amend the North Fraser Harbour Commissioners Act; Bill No. 43, an Act to amend the Civil Service Act; the resolution of the Minister of Trade and Commerce concerning the provision for short-term credit to grain producers in the prairie provinces; Bill No. 18, an Act to provide for the establishment of an Agricultural Products Board; Bill No. 36, an Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act, and Bill No. 23, an Act to amend the Government Annuities Act.

I presume that hope springs eternal in the other house, but it is certain that prorogation by the end of this week is simply out of the question. In these circumstances I am going to suggest to the house that when we adjourn today we stand adjourned until Monday morning next, at 11 o'clock. There is a possibility that in the meantime great progress will have been made by the other house, in which case I am sure honourable senators would want to be here on Monday morning to consider as soon as possible any bills that have been sent over to us. I think that, with perhaps two exceptions, the bills with which we shall have to deal will not be very contentious in this house, and for the benefit of any senators who may not be present when we resume on Monday morning I would suggest that we proceed with the second readings of bills that are more or less non-contentious and then, if it is deemed advisable, adjourn until the afternoon, at which time we could proceed with such measures as the Combines Bill and the Annuities Bill, if they have then reached us.

There is one other point that I wish to mention. In a minute or so His Honour the Speaker will be reading a message from the other house with a bill to amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act. I am prepared, if honourable members approve, to move

second reading and explain the bill this afternoon, but I do not know that anything very practical would be accomplished by that, for the bill could not possibly get to a committee before Monday. Furthermore, I am advised that the Committee on Transport and Communications has not yet completed its consideration of the St. Lawrence Waterways bills that were referred to it last night, and that it is to resume when the Senate rises. So it might suit the house better to have an early adjournment this afternoon in order that the committee may continue its study of those bills without much delay. I am in the hands of the Senate.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Honourable members, if I might make a suggestion, it would be that the second reading of the Canadian Broadcasting Bill be left over until Monday, in order that the Senate may adjourn early and permit the Transport Committee to get on with the two bills now before it. Before I went to the committee meeting this morning I had expected that the bills would be dealt with there in half an hour, but the longer the discussion went on the more interesting it became, and at the time of adjournment it seemed that the whole afternoon would be required to complete consideration of the bills. As to the Canadian Broadcasting Bill, I think that if we discussed it without a break we would do a better job.

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING BILL

#### FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 17, an Act to amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936.

The bill was read the first time.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Next sitting.

### TORONTO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS BILL

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Kinley** presented the report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications on Bill 9, an Act respecting the Toronto Harbour Commissioners.

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:*

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, to whom was referred Bill 9, an Act respecting the Toronto Harbour Commissioners, have in obedience to the order of reference of November 27, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same with the following amendments:

1. Page 1, line 19: after "Act" insert "to control and regulate".