

that the right of appointment of those officers who have seats upon the floor of either House of Parliament should, if requested by such honourable body or bodies, be released from the operation of the Civil Service Act, and the right of appointment transferred from the Civil Service Commission to the House respectively concerned;

In pursuance of this decision, and upon request set out in the first paragraph hereof, the undersigned Civil Service Commissioners have the honour to recommend that under the provisions of section 59 of the Civil Service Act, the following position on the staff of the Senate of Canada be excluded from the operation of the Civil Service Act in so far as the appointment thereto is concerned; but that in all other respects it should be subject to the provisions of the said Civil Service Act, 1918, and amendments, namely:

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate

It is further recommended, as required by said section 59, that such position is to be dealt with as follows, namely:

That the said position be filled by Resolution of the Honourable the Senate.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved:

That William F. O'Connor, K.C., be appointed Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate.

He said: Honourable members, only those who have worked in close contact with Mr. O'Connor through the greater part of several sessions can realize the exceptional value of his services; but I think I can say it is the unanimous desire of this House that those services should be availed of in the capacity mentioned throughout the entire year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I concur in the motion of my right honourable friend. I think I can appreciate the value of the services which Mr. O'Connor, by reason of his qualifications, has rendered to the Senate in the past, and is destined to render in the future. I should like, however, to ask my right honourable friend whether the classification of the position, as made by the Senate and approved by the Civil Service Commission, does not carry with it a rate of remuneration quite independent of anything we can do.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I think the impression of my honourable friend is correct. However, I leave it to the Clerk to ascertain the fact.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I am informed that the position is classified, but that the Civil Service Commission has expressed the desire that the Senate suggest what the salary should be.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: May I ask the right honourable gentleman whether the nominee

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in the present case will have to devote all his time to the work of Law Clerk of the Senate?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: To the work of the Senate. I have no doubt he will make himself available for any other governmental work of legal nature that may be assigned to him.

The motion was agreed to.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD BILL

THIRD READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the third reading of Bill 98, an Act to provide for the Constitution and Powers of the Canadian Wheat Board.

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

DOMINION ELECTION BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 105, an Act to amend the Dominion Election Act, 1934.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable members, this Bill provides that advance polls shall be open only between the hours of 2 and 10 p.m. on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday immediately preceding polling day. There is provision also for the voter to take an oath that he is the person referred to in the list of electors; and the form of the oath is given.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Was that not the law before?

Hon. Mr. HARMER: No; it was just a declaration.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Another section of the Act is made to read as follows:

Notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act, if a writ of election has been issued for a by-election to be held on a date likely to be subsequent, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, to the dissolution of Parliament, such writ shall, upon notice to that effect being published in the Canada Gazette by the Chief Electoral Officer, be deemed to have been superseded and withdrawn.

I presume that this is to cover by-elections.

There is also an amendment to the French version, paragraph (f), subsection 1 of section 30, by striking out the words "le