

*Business of the House*  
**STANDING COMMITTEES**

RAILWAYS, CANALS AND TELEGRAPH LINES—  
 FIFTH REPORT

**Mr. L. O. Breithaupt (Waterloo North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to present the fifth report of the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, and I move this supplementary motion:

That the recommendations contained in the fifth report of the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, presented this day to the house respecting capital stock charges on Bill 240, (letter D-8 of the Senate), an act to incorporate West-coast Transmission Company Limited, and Bill 243, (letter G-8 of the Senate), an act to incorporate Western Pipe Lines, be now concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, before any motion is put I should like to make a suggestion which I think may facilitate proceedings. Before the dinner hour the house was in committee, and supply was being discussed. Quite contrary to the statement made by someone who spoke just before dinner, and who assumed responsibility for indicating what our decision had been, it is not our intention to prevent supply.

We have presented our objections. We have, I believe, covered them fully. We have stated what our case is, and we have called for a vote, which was in the nature of a want of confidence vote, and one which expresses our position. I believe that if we now went back into the committee stage we might advance with supply and then be that much closer to the proceedings of tomorrow.

In saying this I should like to explain why I regard this as the desirable course. The government has assumed the responsibility of announcing dissolution; and that course, it is recognized, has to be followed. I need not add to the opinion I have already expressed as to the procedure which has been followed—to do so would be only to repeat what is already on the record.

The business of the people must go on in any event during the course of the election campaign, and for a sufficient time beyond that to make it possible to carry on the business before parliament can reassemble. Therefore the only alternative with which the house is confronted is the alternative of supply or of proceeding with governor general's warrants. I am convinced, myself, that there are certain limitations upon the use of governor general's warrants, which may not have been fully recognized, and I feel there is no occasion for us to create any uncertainty as to the fulfilment of public

business while this election campaign is under way, and for sufficient time thereafter to call together a new parliament.

Therefore, having stated our case, we will facilitate the proceedings which are before us.

**Mr. M. J. Coldwell (Rosetown-Biggart):** Mr. Speaker, I was going to ask the Prime Minister if it was the intention to move that the house sit tomorrow. If it is the intention that we pass such a motion, then may I say that this has been a very long and very arduous day. These have been two days, indeed, in which we have had to listen to long speeches on occasion; and I wish to say, Mr. Speaker, that I think we would advance the business of the house more if we adjourned now and got a good night's rest.

I am not in favour of falling in with the suggestion made by some who have taken up a tremendous amount of time in this house during the past few days. I am going to object to the house sitting beyond this hour.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** The hon. member said that if a motion was made to sit tomorrow he would feel that he would have to object to sitting further this evening. A motion was moved at 5.45 this afternoon providing that the house sit tomorrow at eleven o'clock, and that the intermissions and order of business be the same as today. That motion was agreed to. There remains the matter of supply and third reading of the bills that have been reported from the standing committee.

**Mr. Knowles:** Also the committee stage on those bills.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** The committee stage and third reading of the bills that have just been reported from the select standing committee. I would not imagine that would take very much time. It would not really relieve members of the necessity of coming back tomorrow because there has to be royal assent to these matters, and there will have to be consideration in another place of the bill based upon the resolution for interim supply, so that in any event we shall have to come back at eleven o'clock tomorrow. The suggestion made by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) that his group would facilitate the voting of such supply as is required for the essential business of the country during the period necessary for an election, and to call parliament together, is welcomed by this side of the house, and I wish to extend to him a word of appreciation of that offer of co-operation. If there is objection to proceeding any longer tonight, perhaps the leader of the opposition will understand, and we can take up these mat-