

name of The Saskatchewan Life Insurance Company to Fidelity Life Assurance Company.

He said: Honourable senators, I am reporting this Bill, which the Senate referred back to us for further consideration. It is now reported favourably, without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a third time?

Hon. Mr. McGUIRE: With leave of the Senate, I move that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

INTERNAL ECONOMY AND CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

ABSENCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK: The honourable senator from Saltcoats (Hon. Mr. Calder) gave me permission to start something, and I am going to do so. This morning the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts met and passed a motion. I was expecting that the committee would this afternoon present to the Senate a report for our consideration, and I was going to deal with that report because what has been done is, I submit, entirely inconsistent with one's conception of what in days gone by were regarded as the proprieties between boss and worker. We are all wishing our new leader the best of luck, and are ready to give him every possible assistance. But what happened this morning? The committee appointed as his assistant a gentleman on the Senate staff drawing a salary of \$4,400 a year, and with that appointment goes a remuneration of \$600 a year, which means that for the future—

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: May I ask if my honourable friend is discussing a report submitted by the committee?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I am raising a question which I think should be discussed in this House in the absence of any report from the committee.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The report is not before us?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The point is that the acting leader of the Senate gets \$4,000 a year, but the gentleman who is assisting him will, by the action taken by the committee, be placed on a \$5,000 basis. This is entirely foreign to my lifelong conception of what the boss is entitled to. But if the honourable senator from Queen's (Hon. Mr. Sinclair) and other honourable members think we should not discuss the matter, I shall—

Hon. Mr. TANNER.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: Would not the proper time for discussion arise when the committee makes its report?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The committee is not making a report. That is why I rose.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: Why not?

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: The members of the committee tell me that a report is not necessary; that all the authorities want is a resolution of the committee authorizing payment of \$50 a month to this gentleman who is to help our leader. That is all that is needed, apparently. Therefore a report is not forthcoming. And that is why you have to pardon my bringing the question up at the only time it could be brought up. I think the action of the committee is wrong in principle, and in my view the committee ought to be instructed to reconsider the matter and bring in a report for our attention.

Hon. E. S. LITTLE: Honourable senators, I do not think there is really anything before the House at the moment, but for the benefit of my honourable friend from Parkdale I may repeat what I said this morning in the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts. The appointment in question had been made with full authority, but the Auditor General requested that approval of the committee be given to the appointment. There is nothing whatever mentioned with regard to salary in the motion which I presented to the committee this morning. The motion is simply that the committee confirm the appointment in order, as I then explained, to meet the request of the Auditor General. We had the assurance of the Clerk of the Senate that nothing further was required relative to the appointment, nor was it necessary to submit a report to the House.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: But the honourable gentleman will admit that this morning the committee arranged to give \$600 a year to a man who is already drawing \$4,400 and who, I think, is not overworked, while his chief is getting only \$4,000 a year.

Hon. J. H. KING: Honourable senators, I think I am the one chiefly concerned in the matter under discussion. In selecting Mr. Hinds to do this work I was taking advantage of his experience and knowledge. It was not my intention at this time to bring in someone from outside to act as secretary to the leader. Mr. Hinds is familiar with the procedure of the Senate and of our committees, and with his full knowledge and wide experience of these matters it seemed to me he would be very helpful to me, especially with my lack of experience. The salary is \$50 a