

produced, then I say to him that in respect of nails we are in the midst of a serious blockade in this year 1947, and I suggest that either he should devise some incentive bonus so that nails will be produced this year in much greater supply, or he should tell the house frankly that the government cannot carry on the building programme it adopted for 1947, and should get out of the business.

As a matter of fact, if only 11,648 homes were built in 1946 under government priorities, out of some 59,000 or 60,000, then I say to the house that the ordinary private builder, building homes over and above the 11,648, units—namely upwards of 48,000 homes—did so, not with the help of the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, but in spite of him. You say, what has this to do with Bill No. 104?

An hon. MEMBER: I am wondering.

Mr. TIMMINS: And you will be wondering perhaps at the end of August when we are still talking about it. I suggest that these detailed matters we have before us are not the kind of matters we should debate in the house day after day. As a newcomer to the house, I suggest in all sincerity that the Minister of Justice, with his ingenuity, should find some way to help us, help him get this bill through so that we can each take our part, for what we know, in respect of this bill, and let us not debate it here day after day when a number of these matters could be settled quickly in committee. I am suggesting to the minister that the best thing which could be done in respect of this bill would be to dissect it. We have already dissected it into four or five sections. There are at least sixteen measures in this bill which should not be there and which could be taken out. I am suggesting that the minister find ways and means of accepting some of the suggestions which have been made by other members of the house and by myself with respect to the bill.

Mr. GILLIS: Mr. Speaker, since a number of members have been on the train for a few nights and only got into Ottawa this morning, perhaps as I have some extended remarks to make on this measure I might be permitted now to move the adjournment of the debate.

On motion of Mr. Gillis the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ST. LAURENT moved the adjournment of the house.

Mr. BRACKEN: Would the minister indicate the programme for tomorrow?

[Mr. Timmins.]

Mr. ST. LAURENT: We shall continue with the debate on the second reading of this bill and then go into committee. I hope that progress can be made. I think all the members will realize that they are not committing themselves to anything by the adoption of the second reading of the bill. There is a schedule upon which their individual opinions can be expressed with respect to each item, and I would hope that we would get to the consideration of these separate items where the divergences of opinion can be fully recorded and each one's position made clear.

Mr. FLEMING: Might I ask the Acting Prime Minister a question as to the method the house might pursue in committee with reference to the schedule? The schedule itself simply refers to these fifty-seven orders by date, number and subject. Are we to be permitted in committee of the whole to use that volume called the consolidation of these measures as the basis not only for discussion but for any amendments hon. members might wish to introduce.

Mr. ILSLEY: The amendments would have to be to the orders in council tabled, but the consolidation could be used as the basis. If any amendment were proposed it could be properly drafted to apply to the orders in council which have been tabled.

Mr. FLEMING: I am thinking of the technical difficulty, reference to page and line. It is going to be difficult with some of these long orders. I am sure that members want to be helpful and that there is no thought of trying to delay progress. We wish to find a way of making progress.

Mr. ILSLEY: It is not going to be difficult. This whole thing was done before in Great Britain and Australia. No provision is made in the bill now for amendments, but if amendments are made to any of these orders in council a section has to be added to the bill giving effect to the amendment and a statement is put in the column of the section and order that is amended. That is the order in council on the table, not the order in the consolidation, but the consolidation had better be used as a basis for the amendment.

Mr. TIMMINS: The orders and regulations of the wartime prices and trade board are voluminous. Will those orders and regulations be tabled, or have we to swallow them holus-bolus? I am thinking of the leasehold orders. As hon. members know, there were two orders, one dealing with commercial property and the other with residential, and they are just as much a part of the law as orders