

no doubt that others will require material and information as well. It is for these reasons that we require the committee to be reconstituted.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: I agree with the first purpose indicated by Senator Croll. If there is something that has to be done by the committee to complete its work then it should be reconstituted. As far as continuing the debate on the report is concerned, that motion is superfluous, because any honourable senator can draw the attention of the house to the report, and there is no need to reconstitute the committee for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. Martin: That is right.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: If it is only for terminating its work that it is necessary to reconstitute the committee, then I am in full agreement with the motion, but I do not think the second reason really applies.

Motion agreed to.

LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN TREASURY BOARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS—QUESTIONS

Hon. Donald Cameron: Honourable senators, I should like to ask some questions of the Leader of the Government. I apologize for not giving him notice before, but if he wishes he can take this as notice now. I should like to ask a number of questions concerning the continuing anarchy being perpetrated against the Canadian people and the economy of Canada by small groups of trade union members allegedly in the name of collective bargaining.

When the air traffic controllers' strike was on, and these people naively thought they could compel the Prime Minister to recall Parliament in order to deal with the strike, the Prime Minister is reported to have said that he believed in letting the collective bargaining process run its course. In the light of that statement I have four questions to put to the Leader of the Government.

First, does the government not think that the so-called collective bargaining process has just about run its course so far as the IBEW is concerned?

The President of the Treasury Board is reported to have said that the government has asked the Public Service Staff Relations Board for permission to prosecute the leaders of the union and the designated personnel who, for nearly three weeks, have been flagrantly breaking the laws of Canada.

Second, how is it necessary for a sovereign government to have to ask one of its creations for permission to prosecute common law-breakers?

Third, granting that this supreme authority, the Public Service Staff Relations Board, deigns to give the Government of Canada permission to enforce the law of Canada, will the government prosecute these people to the full extent of the law, under which they are liable to fines of \$100 per day?

Finally, does the government contemplate repealing the section of the Public Service Staff Relations Act which gives public servants the right to strike?

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I shall have to take these questions as notice, as Senator Cameron suggested. I shall reply to them as soon as possible.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, I would have asked almost the same questions as Senator Cameron, had he not done so. However, perhaps the government leader can give a short reply at the present time to the question: When does the government intend to do something about the awful situation that exists presently with respect to air traffic?

Hon. Mr. Walker: There is an election coming up.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Let me tell what happened to me tonight. I left Quebec at 5.15 p.m. to arrive here at 6.25 p.m. on a flight going from Quebec via Ottawa to Toronto. As I entered the airport I heard an announcement over the loud speaker to the effect that travellers on flight 379 to Toronto would have to wait until 10.30 p.m. This situation has existed now for two weeks, and I wonder when the government will begin to look after the well-being of the people of Canada.

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Hon. Mr. Walker: After the election.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: The government leader has nothing to say?

Hon. Mr. Martin: I would point out that my friend did not ask a question; he simply made a speech.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Of course I asked a question. I asked when the government is going to act. To me the answer is quite clear—the government is simply going to do nothing, as usual.

Hon. Mr. Martin: My friend has answered his own question, if that is the reply he wants.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold moved, seconded by Hon. Renaude Lapointe:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, upon whom has been conferred the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

He said: Honourable senators, it is indeed a privilege for me to be given the honour of moving the motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. As a