

Hon. Mr. Croll: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: Did that committee make a report?

Hon. Mr. Croll: No. The joint committee did not conclude its hearings before Parliament was dissolved, and it is now intended to re-establish that committee to consider the matter again.

Hon. Mr. Croll moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

AETNA CASUALTY COMPANY OF CANADA— FIRST READING

Hon. Eric Cook presented Bill S-4, to incorporate Aetna Casualty Company of Canada.

Bill read first time.

Hon. Mr. Cook moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVY COUNCIL

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I have a suggestion to make to the Government, and I will ask the Clerk of the Senate to send a marked copy of the report of this sitting to the Secretary of the Privy Council.

Most of you heard the beautiful things that were said about the living and the dead at the last sitting of this house. That occasion was made much less sad, because there is always great comfort and satisfaction in being told of the good that has been accomplished by those who were and those who are still with us.

Honourable colleagues, if the position of Speaker of this chamber and that of the Speaker of the House of Commons are a great honour, one may easily realize that those positions are just as arduous, difficult and painstaking as are those of the Leader of the Government and of the Opposition. I will not elaborate about that this evening, but I may speak about it again on some future occasion.

I come now to my suggestion. I believe there was no exaggeration at all in the good that was said about some of our colleagues,

both the deceased and living. However, since what was said is evidently true, there should be recognition of some kind. My suggestion is, and I hope you will concur in it, that Your Honour should be made a Privy Councillor right now; that the same recognition should be given to the past Speaker, the honourable Senator Bourget, who has not yet been appointed to the Privy Council; that the Acting Leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Bouffard), who has to discharge most important functions—the functions of the whole Cabinet in this chamber—shall be appointed to the Privy Council, and as well the other acting leaders, both on this and the other side of the house, namely, the honourable Senator Vaillancourt and the honourable Senator Choquette. The same recognition should apply to the Speaker of the House of Commons, the honourable Lucien Lamoureux.

It would be a serious mistake to wait until after any one of those gentlemen is buried six feet beneath Canadian soil to recognize his merit. Therefore, I suggest, in all deference to the Government, that it take into consideration those suggestions at the earliest possible opportunity.

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. A. Hamilton McDonald moved, seconded by Hon. L. M. Guoin:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this house to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency Major-General Georges Philias Vanier, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Military Cross and the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal 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.