

Mr. Kempling: Fine.

Senator Frith: The procedure that I can foresee is that the regulation increasing the cap could be passed, so that when the Estimates come along the cap has already been increased.

Mr. Kempling: Yes.

Senator Frith: I think you understand.

Mr. Kempling: Yes, I understand.

Senator Frith: This is the only reservation I have about this bill, which I otherwise support.

Mr. Kempling: I give you my undertaking that I will have the minister correspond with you on that particular issue.

Senator Muir: Honourable senators, I welcome our distinguished colleague from the other place. We know he is most capable, and always has been. The parliamentary secretary has two people with him today. I would ask that they be introduced to the Senate so that their names and positions will appear on the record. I know the secretary depends so much on them.

Mr. Peter D. Hammond, Legal Services, Employment and Immigration Canada, Department of Justice: My name is Peter Hammond, and I am with Legal Services, EIC, Department of Justice.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

Ms. Ann M. Midgley, Director General, Settlement Branch, Employment and Immigration Canada: Honourable senators, I am Ann Midgley. I am the Director General of the Settlement Branch of Canada Employment and Immigration.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

The Chairman: If there are no further questions, on behalf of honourable senators I wish to thank the honourable member of Parliament for Burlington, and parliamentary secretary, and the two officials who are with him for appearing before the Committee of the Whole in the Senate today to answer questions put to them by honourable senators.

Mr. Kempling: Thank you very much.

The Chairman: Honourable senators, the Senate is in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-77, to amend the Immigration Act. Shall the title be postponed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

Hon. Senators: Carried.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 carry?

Hon. Senators: Carried.

The Chairman: Shall the title carry?

Hon. Senators: Carried.

The Chairman: Shall I report the bill without amendment?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

[Senator Frith.]

• (1730)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Hon. Gerald R. Ottenheimer: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole, to which was referred the Bill C-77, to amend the Immigration Act, has examined the said bill and has directed me to report the same without amendment.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

On motion of Senator Doody, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

[Translation]

NATIONAL FINANCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO SIT AT SAME TIME AS SENATE

Leave having been granted to revert to Motions:

Hon. Fernand-E. Leblanc, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(a), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be authorized to sit at 6 p.m. today, Tuesday, June 26, 1990, even if the Senate is then sitting, and that Rule 76(4) not apply in this case.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Jean-Maurice Simard: Honourable senators, I know that the government wants to have this bill passed as soon as possible; on the other hand, we are to have a debate today on the future of the country and on its reorganization. Many of us on this side have to attend. We believe it is our duty to be here. I would like the chairman of the Senate Committee on National Finance, of which I am a member, to realize the dilemma in which he is placing us. I would like to ask a question.

Does the committee chairman feel that postponing consideration of this bill until tomorrow would still allow its passage before we adjourn for the summer? Can he give us his word that he will do all he can to make sure that it will be brought back to us before the end of the session?

Senator Leblanc: Personally, honourable senators, I do not mind not dealing this evening with Bill C-52, which is a government bill. However, the Minister of State for Privatization and Regulatory Affairs, the Hon. John McDermid, is to be present and so are senior departmental officials. Can the minister come again another day? I really have no idea. I would have to ask him before I could give you any assurance. People talk about a dilemma, but it is not of my making. There were no scheduling problems when the minister was asked to testify before the Committee on Bill C-52 and we were not aware of the problems that arose this afternoon. Therefore, I cannot be blamed for asking the minister to come and explain Bill C-52 to us. Personally, I would prefer not to meet this evening.

Motion agreed to.