

meeting last night. A very important question, in my opinion, was asked by a senator from Newfoundland, namely, whether the attitude of the various provinces has been determined by the federal government but, unfortunately, it was not answered. It is very important that the Senate should know this, but that question remains unanswered. As we all know—particularly my friend the former premier of Quebec (Hon. Mr. Godbout)—Provincial elections have been won, and lost, on the question of provincial autonomy. That is a most delicate question in the province of Quebec. I am prompted to ask, therefore, whether the present premier of that province is so eager and so impatient to have the federal government interfere with a prerogative of his own province that he would support the passage of this bill?

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Lacasse:** I wonder whether that is the case.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** That is a good point.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, it would appear to me that the remarks of the honourable senator from Essex (Hon. Mr. Lacasse), are beyond the scope of the amendment now being discussed. Furthermore, I would call the attention of the honourable senator to the fact that the rules do not permit him, after a bill has been reported from committee, to direct the attention of the house to what has or has not been said in the committee.

**Hon. Mr. Lacasse:** I abide by the ruling of His Honour the Speaker. But perhaps I will be permitted to reiterate my two points, which I think are in order. First, I support wholeheartedly the stand taken by the senator from Kootenay East (Hon. Mr. King); and second, I shall have to refrain from voting by reason of the fact that I am paired with an honourable senator from Quebec.

**Hon. Mr. King:** Honourable senators, my friend who has just spoken has brought to my mind a fact that I had intended to mention in my remarks. I am paired with the honourable senator from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt), and I shall of course abide by that arrangement and refrain from voting.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** The question, honourable senators, is on the motion of Honourable Senator King, seconded by Honourable Senator Lambert,

That the said bill be not now read a third time, but that it be further amended as follows:

1. Pages 3 and 4, being lines 22 to 45, both inclusive of page 3 and lines 1 to 6, both inclusive, of page 4: Strike out clause 6, and renumber the subsequent clauses accordingly.

Those in favour of the amendment will please say "content"?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Content.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Those opposed to the amendment will please say "non-content".

**Some Hon. Senators:** Non-content.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** In my opinion the "non-contents" have it.

The question is now on the motion for the third reading of the bill. When shall the bill, as amended, be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I move that the bill be read a third time now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, was read the third time, and passed, on division.

#### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson:** Honourable senators, the supplementary estimates are here, but I would prefer to deal with them when the Appropriation Bill is before us. I move that the house adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell at approximately 12.30. I do not know when the supply bill will be received, but I would ask honourable senators to remain in the precincts so that the sittings may be resumed as soon as the bill is here.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I have ascertained that there is no likelihood that the supply bill will reach us before 2 o'clock. How much later it will be I cannot say, but I thought that the honourable senators whom I asked to stand by should be officially advised, so that they may govern themselves accordingly. I hope that when we reassemble, those who have so faithfully attended the sessions until this stage will again be present.

I move that this house adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell, not before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** Before we adjourn may I, a comparative newcomer, be permitted to make a suggestion? In looking around the chamber I observe that the attendance has fallen to a point where there is a danger of not having a quorum. Would it not be well, for the purpose of assuring a better attendance, to make some revision of the rules? The idea has occurred to me that the rule which permits of fifteen days' absence