

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I had some data on the furniture industry. I think the Tariff Board made a report on various manufacturing industries, furniture being one of them. The Board recommended a slight increase in duties on furniture and a considerable decrease in duties on other commodities. The Government is now implementing the recommendation.

We could, I suppose, sit here for hours checking every item to see if the duty imposed is justified. I will not undertake that task at this moment. I will content myself with saying—

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I would rather carry the Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: —we should carry the Bill, and I move second reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I understand that the only other legislation to come from the Commons is the Supply Bill. If I am allowed a few minutes, I shall ascertain to what hour we can adjourn the present sitting.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable members, though this side of the House is reinforced by the honourable senator from Rockcliffe (Hon. Cairine Wilson), both sides are leaderless. Our leader (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has gone to ascertain the proper time to have the Senate meet again. As there are very few members here to receive that information, I think we had better call it 6 o'clock. His Honour the Speaker can have the bell rung when we are to reassemble.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: I think the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) said that there was more legislation to come from the other House, and that he was going to see when it would be received here.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: There is only the Supply Bill.

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

The Senate resumed at 8 p.m.

PROROGATION

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General acquainting him that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber at nine o'clock for the purpose of proroguing the session of Parliament.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 3

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 118, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1938.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable senators will observe that the Bill provides for votes of \$186,975,895, \$80,052,755, and \$11,330,955 to defray the expenses of the public service from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938, as set forth in the schedules. Section 5 authorizes a loan of \$200,000,000 for public works and general purposes.

I need not go into further details; they are contained in the various schedules to the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

His Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated on the Throne:

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come with their Speaker:

The following Bills were assented to, in His Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General:

BILLS ASSENTED TO

An Act for the protection of the Dionne Quintuplets.

An Act to repeal the Biological Board Act and to create The Fisheries Research Board of Canada.