

Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche): May I ask a question of the honourable Senator Quart? In the Province of Quebec 95 or perhaps 98 per cent of the members of the Scouting Association are French, and in the Province of New Brunswick we are fifty-fifty as between French and English. Does the honourable senator think the same conditions would apply in her area as apply in ours?

Hon. Mrs. Quart: Maybe I would not, but I can tell you what happened in the Federation des Guides Catholiques. I remember that when they started many of the Catholic Girl Guides at the time, sponsored by the Catholic Womens League and other groups, went into whichever company they chose irrespective of language. In the case of the Scouts Catholiques du Canada, the same applied.

Some years ago when the Guides Catholiques was organized in Quebec I was asked if I would take them under my wing as the Divisional Commissioner. We suggested at that time it was better to have a commissioner of their own language, and Mlle. Louise Taschereau became their commissioner. She did not find any difficulty in the situation. Maybe the situation is different in New Brunswick, but why not give it a trial? If the heads of the scouting organization want this, surely they are the ones concerned with it. If they do not want it, they are the ones to object. Since it is simply a matter of being incorporated, I cannot see any objection to it.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Let us not say that we have no objections; let us just pass it.

Hon. Mr. Croll: Send it to committee.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Lamontagne: I move at this stage, notwithstanding Rule 119, that this bill be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration tomorrow.

The Hon. the Speaker: I call to the attention of all honourable senators that according to Rule 119 one week's notice is required before the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs can consider this bill. Honourable Senator Lamontagne has moved that this rule be suspended. Is it your

pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Could the chairman of the committee tell us whether it is convenient for them to meet tomorrow?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: I think it is, but I am not sure. We do need to have some notice. I understand that the witnesses will be present tomorrow morning, and if it is practical to consider this bill at that time, notice will be given before we adjourn this afternoon. Of course if it is not practical, it will not take place. Honourable senators will understand that there is quite a difference between referring a matter to a committee for consideration, and referring it for consideration at a particular time. I can assure honourable senators that if it is convenient, the bill will be considered tomorrow morning.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed that Rule 119 be suspended in this matter?

Hon. Mr. Hollett: No.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: If the committee is to consider this bill tomorrow morning we have to dispense with Rule 119. That is why the sponsor has made this motion.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, we have been asked to dispense with Rule 119 for the purpose of sending this bill to committee for consideration tomorrow morning. This requires unanimous consent. I understand that we do not have unanimous consent.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: There was a misunderstanding, but now that everybody understands it, it is unanimous.

Hon. Mr. Hollett: Honourable senators, I do not see why we should suspend this rule to suit any particular person. Who else other than the witnesses and honourable Senator Roebuck and other honourable senators know about this bill? Surely the purpose of notice being given is so that it can be posted up for a week and anyone who might wish to give evidence can come and appear before the committee. That is the reason I object, although in this case the matter is not particularly important.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: May I suggest to honourable Senator Hollett that this bill merely seeks an agreement between two groups of people. They are the only interested parties, and they can be here tomorrow. In fact, we are merely