

Combines Investigation Act.

In inviting a consideration of the House to the second reading of this Bill, it may be well to preface my remarks upon its provisions by a word or two as to the spirit in which it has been conceived, its relation to legislative enactments on the subject of combines in this and other countries, and the purpose for which it is hoped the measure may serve. A word, too, as to the significance of its introduction at the present time may not be out of place.

It is not going too far to assert that there is not, at the present time, a subject of so much concern to so many people in this country and on this continent, as the increase in the cost of living which has taken place in recent years.