

hear the eulogies expressed this afternoon in honour of Senator Hugessen. I recall the tremendous work that he did, here on the floor of this chamber and as chairman of that committee and in every other committee which he attended. He set a splendid example of dedication to duty which could proudly be followed by any senator.

I heartily agree with all the statements that have been made. My only regret is that a man of his tremendous experience so far as transportation is concerned—and I doubt if there is a man in Parliament today who has his knowledge—is not here to look after this very important bill which will be going to the Transport and Communications Committee. That is no reflection, honourable senators, on whoever may have that responsibility. I am sure no one would consider it was, realizing the background Senator Hugessen had in transport matters in this country.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Cape Breton) for Hon. Mr. Phillips, debate adjourned.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ENLARGEMENT OF REFERENCE TO JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Maurice Bourget, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the Senate do agree that the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Public Service be empowered to enquire into and report upon the matter of the pensions paid to retired civil servants or their dependants under the provisions of the Public Service Superannuation Act; and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that house accordingly.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it the pleasure of the Senate to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE (HATE PROPAGANDA)

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, December 15, 1966, the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck for the second reading of Bill S-49, to amend the Criminal Code.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, I will give my introductory and closing remarks in English, but the rest I will give in French. I have been away for such a long time in the old City of Quebec where one does not hear English very much that I do not feel as sure of myself in English as I might otherwise feel.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Branford): It does not show.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: You do not have to worry.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Honourable senators, this debate, which goes back to the middle of November, has been more or less irregular, but the speeches have regularly been good.

I will not refer to the sponsor's speech; the honourable Senator Roebuck is always very interesting. I do want to single out one speech, however; that made by our new senator from Manitoba, Senator Everett. His maiden speech was excellent, and he has proven himself a powerful speaker. I am very pleased that his addition to this chamber has sort of re-established the balance of debating power, should I say, between the two groups or two sides of the house.

[Translation]

Honourable senators, it is obvious that during the present debate on this bill there is unanimous agreement against genocide and hate propaganda. We all agree and there are no dissenting voices. In addition, the same unanimity exists on another point: there is no urgency or any emergency situation in Canada which would prompt us to pass this bill without delay. As a matter of fact, the matter has been under discussion here for over two months, and nobody has put or attempted to put pressure on members of the Senate to hasten the passage of this bill. Besides, in the other place, the question of joining with the Senate to set up a joint committee in order to consider the matter is still in abeyance. Furthermore, the speeches indicated an almost complete unanimity on the necessity of amending this bill and the most ardent advocates of this legislation themselves recognize this; they are very few—I would say there are only Senator Roebuck and Senator Everett. Most of the other senators were severely critical and noted several errors and obvious defects. There are then two main criticisms, first, the uselessness of the act since we already have in the Criminal Code all the means required to meet the problem as it exists in Canada at