

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN (on behalf of the Chairman) presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 372, an Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

He said: Honourable senators, your committee have again examined this bill, as amended, and now beg leave to report the same without any further amendment.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved the third reading of the bill, as amended.

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

MILITIA PENSION BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN (on behalf of the Chairman) presented the report of the Standing committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 392, an Act to amend the Militia Pension Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have examined this bill, and report the same with three minor amendments of draftsmanship. I move concurrence in these amendments.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON moved the third reading of the bill as amended.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN (on behalf of the Chairman) presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 195, an Act respecting the control of the acquisition and disposition of foreign currency and the control of transactions involving foreign currency or non-residents.

He said: Honourable senators, the committee have examined this bill, and now beg leave to report the same with 67 amendments. I do not propose to read the amendments at this time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall the amendments be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Now.

Hon. Mr. LEGER: Honourable senators, without hearing the amendments read, what indication have we that they are exactly as

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON:

we intended them to be? It seems to me that if they are to be taken into consideration—and I have no objection to the amendments—they should at least be read.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: One could not follow them even if they were read.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I am completely in the hands of the house in this matter. There are a great many amendments to the bill, and while I have no personal knowledge that they are all contained in the report, I am morally certain that they are.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: When will the bill be printed?

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I would ask the honourable senator from L'Acadie (Hon. Mr. Leger) not to press his request that the amendments be now read. This important bill has been before the committee for many days, and most honourable members are familiar with the amendments that have been made. I should think it unnecessary to review them again at this time.

Hon. Mr. LEGER: I think I made it clear that I was not objecting to any of the amendments. It occurred to me that they could be read in seven or eight minutes, or in ten minutes at the most; but if it would take longer than that I will withdraw my objection.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I am in the hands of the house. There is this point to be considered: while the committee meetings were largely attended, some senators were not able to be present. Perhaps, if the house does not object, it might be well for the Clerk to read the amendments.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: There are 67.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Some of them are very brief. However, it is entirely a matter for the house.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: Dispense.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Perhaps the honourable the Acting Chairman of the committee (Hon. Mr. Hugessen) might give a brief summary of them.

Hon. Mr. MORAUD: That would take more time.

Hon. Mr. MacLENNAN: Honourable senators, I should like to see the amendments, or at least have them explained. I certainly object to having them concurred in before we are given an opportunity of knowing what they are.