

THE SENATE

Thursday, October 15, 1964

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a report from the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, recommending that salary rates of clerical classes in the Library of Parliament be brought in line with the recently revised salaries paid for comparable positions in the Public Service.

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I suggest that the reading of the report be dispensed with, because I am going to propose that the report stand on the Order Paper for consideration at the next sitting. In the meantime, honourable senators can examine it in detail.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West) moved that the report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

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FARM MACHINERY SYNDICATES CREDIT BILL

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report of the committee on Bill C-121, to provide for the extension of credit to farm machinery syndicates:

Your committee recommends that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of its proceedings on the said bill.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Beaubien (Provencher): I move, with leave, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered Bill C-121, to provide for the extension of credit to farm machinery syndicates, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

CROP INSURANCE ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Cook for the second reading of Bill C-129, to amend the Crop Insurance Act.

Hon. Walter M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, after listening to the speech made yesterday by the honourable sponsor of this bill (Hon. Mr. Cook) and the speeches of Senator Hnatyshyn and Senator Pearson, I find that there is very little left for me to say, except that this bill to amend the Crop Insurance Act of 1959 is something that the provinces have been asking for and for that reason we should give it second reading and speedy passage.

When the Crop Insurance bill was first introduced in 1959 it was sponsored by the honourable senator from Lumsden (Hon. Mr. Pearson). At that time he stated it was something new in the form of farm legislation; that it would likely turn out to be less than perfect in every particular, and that it would probably be necessary to amend it from time to time. The purpose of the bill now before us is to amend the 1959 Crop Insurance Act.

I take it that it is good business to reinsure any risk which, if it materializes, may put you into bankruptcy or prove financially embarrassing. The purpose of this bill is to protect the provinces that enter into this scheme, and to make it safer for them to carry on the business of insuring the crops of the farmers.

Honourable senators, in my opinion, it is not necessary to send this simple bill to committee, and it is my hope that it will be given second reading, and possibly third reading, today. In these circumstances my remarks will be quite brief.