

and go directly to the public for investment money. If it doesn't go in a primary position it will at least go in a secondary position and, so, today while discussing this housing measure we find a repetition of what happened yesterday. The Government is continuing to spread its wings in the fields of social endeavour. This will mean it will provide more and cheaper money and it will build more and cheaper homes. This will provide more security to the householder and give employment to our people in and out of season. I like the prospects of the Government occupying that field. That is why I like the bill.

I also like the idea behind the motion that has been placed before this house, for a thorough study of this very competent C.M.H.C. report, in order that we may more thoroughly discuss this matter at some future time. When amending legislation comes before us seeking more money, as I think inevitably it will, we will be able to discuss the matter in a more intelligent manner.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I do not wish to get into an argument with my honourable friend from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll), but my information with regard to the percentage is not the same as his. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, according to my information, financed only about one-half of the housing starts. This has been true only in the past few months. Last year under the National Housing Act one-third of the housing starts were financed.

Hon. Mr. Croll: I might say that I made my notes today, and took them from *Hansard* or some other record, I am not sure which.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I suggest that the committee look into the matter.

Hon. Mr. Croll: Yes.

Motion agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES

QUORUMS REDUCED

Hon. Mr. Hawkins, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, presented the committee's first report, recommending that its quorum be reduced to nine members.

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

Hon. Mr. Hawkins: Next sitting.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, the report merely contains a recommendation

as to the quorum for the committee. I understand a number of similar reports having to do with the quorums of our various standing committees will be presented this afternoon. I attended the meetings of these committees this morning and I understand that the quorum set up for each is the same as it was last year. It occurs to me that instead of postponing consideration of these reports until next sitting, we could consider and adopt them now.

The Hon. the Speaker: The honourable Leader of the Opposition suggests that they be adopted right away?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Hawkins: With leave of the Senate, I move that the first report of the Committee on Finance be adopted now.

Motion agreed to.

The first report of each of the following standing committees, presented by or on behalf of its chairman, recommended that its quorum be reduced as follows:

The Committee on Transport and Communications, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hugessen), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Civil Service Administration, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Cameron), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Public Health and Welfare, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Veniot), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Immigration and Labour, (Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Wilson), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Tourist Traffic, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Horner), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Canadian Trade Relations, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. McLean), quorum seven members.

The Committee on External Relations (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Lambert), quorum seven members.

The Committee on Natural Resources, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Standing Orders, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Bishop), quorum three members.

The Committee on Banking and Commerce, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Hayden), quorum nine members.

The Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, (Chairman, Hon. Mr. Bouffard), quorum seven members.