

financial matters, it be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, the bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

### INTERNAL ECONOMY

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate resumed from yesterday debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Aseltine, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horner, for adoption of the second report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent accounts.

**An Hon. Senator:** The honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll), in whose name the order stands, is not here.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** I hope honourable senators will allow the debate to go on, because the matter affects the salaries of a number of people, who cannot be paid until the report is adopted.

**Hon. Jean-François Pouliot:** Honourable senators, on behalf of the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll) and for myself, I would say that I have no objection to having the report considered by the house. This morning I saw one of our officials, and I established, by means of the stub of a cheque paid to a charman of the House of Commons, that my remarks and those of the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina are not without foundation. As things stand, it seems that what was said by the honourable senator from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) was correct to a certain extent, and what was said by the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina and myself is also right.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Does that make it unanimous?

**Hon. Mr. Pouliot:** It does not make it unanimous, but the situation is due to a misunderstanding which could easily be corrected if the Government were willing to increase the salaries of our charmen to those of the confidential messengers, as they were formerly paid the same. I wonder whether the whole matter could not be adjusted in due course by the Committee on Internal Economy. I make that suggestion to the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) and I hope that he will take it into favourable consideration.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Honourable senators, I asked the Clerk of the house to prepare for

me a written statement as to the salaries paid. I have received it, and with the consent of the house, I will hand it to *Hansard* to be included as part of my speech; otherwise I will read it. It gives, I believe, the details required. We pay on an average \$2 a month more to the persons concerned than is paid to similar employees in the House of Commons. Apparently this was due to a mistake, but it is none the less the fact. There are only two exceptions, and those two House of Commons employees were paid some time ago about \$4 extra. But as I have said, in every other case the payment is \$2 less than ours. I hope honourable senators will allow me to put the statement on record, so that any honourable member who is interested in the facts may have them before him.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Then I will put the statement on *Hansard*:

The report of the Internal Economy Committee with respect to the temporary staff is an attempt to give to the temporary and sessional employees of the Senate the benefit of the increase in remuneration which has been given to the permanent civil service.

In computing the amounts of improvements to be given to each class regard has been had to the action taken with respect to similar positions in the House of Commons.

With respect to item 8 of the report, dealing with "Charmen: Cleaner and helper, continuing temporary and sessional"—the rate of compensation recommended is an increase from \$236 per month to \$247 per month. The effective date of the increase is May 1, 1957, which is the effective date of the increase which has been given to other portions of the permanent civil service.

The standard maximum rate for the class "temporary cleaner and helper" in the House of Commons is \$2,940 per annum, or \$245 a month. The proposed rate for the Senate is \$24 per annum higher than the standard maximum rate paid by the House of Commons for the same class of work.

In the House of Commons there are two senior employees in the class "temporary cleaner and helper" who are in receipt of an annual salary of \$3,198, or \$266.50 per month. Upon their retirement this special annual rate will be abolished, but the maximum rate for all others is now, and for the present will continue to be, \$2,940 per annum, or \$245 per month.

For the purpose of the recommendation presently before the Senate the comparison is:

Temporary cleaner and helper, House of Commons, \$2,940 (\$245 monthly)

Temporary cleaner and helper, The Senate, \$2,964 (\$247 monthly).

**Hon. Mr. Pouliot:** I realize that the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) is a very busy man, but some day, if he will permit me, I will come to his office and explain the whole thing, and then he may give it reconsideration. For the time being, as far as the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll) and myself are concerned, the matter is dropped.

The report was adopted.