

He has been co-operative and helpful; he has, as I stated, an understanding of the feelings of the house, and he is not guilty of some of the things which I have called to the attention of honourable senators. Under no circumstances would I embarrass him. On the other hand, I do not want to be in the position of one who is constantly crying "Wolf" and having no attention paid to my protests. I have, however, pointed out my position; I have made it very clear; and on the distinct understanding from the honourable leader that this sort of thing will not recur, I am prepared to withdraw my motion.

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: Will the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) tell us when this bill was introduced in the other house? The reason I ask is that, like the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll), I find it very difficult to understand the plea of urgency. Repeatedly, when legislation is placed before this house, we are told that it must be passed at once for this or that reason, yet we act in absolute violation of our rules in ignoring the requirement that, without the unanimous consent of the house, two days must elapse between first and second readings.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: The rule has been dispensed with.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Unanimous consent is not even asked.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: The bill had first reading last Thursday.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: What I want to have explained is why, if the C.N.R. ran out of money at the end of June, legislation to provide further funds was not introduced in the House of Commons until August.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: The first reading was on August 6.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Why was the bill not introduced earlier?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: It was given first reading here last Thursday, five days ago, so there has been plenty of notice of second reading.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I fully agree with the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina. This house has not been treated with courtesy by the Government of the day, and I respectfully regret to have to say that the honourable Leader of the Government in this house has trifled with our good nature and our patience. All this was started by the honourable senior senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) who preceded him.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Haig, bill referred to Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.