

total of \$60,000, and this year we shall be obliged to spend another \$30,000 or \$40,000, without any help from any government. I do not think it is possible to resolve the problem, but if we can do something to increase the number of workers and to develop some markets, and so on, we shall do so. However, that cannot be done without discussing and studying the problem with large numbers of husbands and wives. I think it would be good for the committee to ask some of the economists in our organization to examine the problem and make their report.

Hon. Gordon B. Isnor: Honourable senators, I wish to make two points. Like the honourable senator from Toronto-Rosedale (Hon. Mr. Leonard), as well as our leader (Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford) and other speakers, I am very pleased that the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) is presenting this resolution in the early stage of the session. Like the honourable senator who has just spoken (Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt), I was wondering about those who were called in for special study during the period from August 10 last until the present time, and the thought struck me that there were five members from Toronto and one from Quebec, but no representatives or experts from the extreme east and the extreme west. I had particularly in mind Nova Scotia and its unemployment problem at the present time, and I think we should have someone qualified to study especially the coal industry. Today Nova Scotia faces the prospect of three mines being closed in the very near future. I had hoped that in the list of experts there would be one who could deal particularly with that problem and I suggest to the honourable Leader of the Government that he might interview the chairman of this committee with the thought in mind of having someone make a special study of the coal industry as it applies to the province of Nova Scotia in particular, and also to Canada as a whole.

I further suggest to the Leader of the Government the appointment of an additional member to the committee, one who I feel is well qualified to give good advice on this important question of coal. I refer to the honourable senator from Cape Breton (Hon. Mr. Macdonald). He is familiar with the whole question of the coal industry, and since he is a native of Cape Breton and represents that community I think he would be a valuable addition to the committee. Of course, I know that we have a good representative from Nova Scotia in the person of the honourable senator from Queens-Shelburne (Hon. Mr. Smith), who more or less acted as chairman during the entire last part of the session. I believe the chairman of the committee was unfortunately not able to attend a number of

meetings, and Senator Smith took over the duties and did an exceptionally good job. I therefore ask the honourable Leader of the Government to consider adding the name of the honourable senator from Cape Breton (Hon. Mr. Macdonald).

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I wish to say a word in reply.

Hon. Mr. Isnor: If the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) is going to reply, would he state if anyone did make a special study of the coal industry?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, my reason for rising again is that I take exception to some of the things the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) said. He deliberately accused me of having delayed the setting up of this committee in the beginning, and that is not—

Some Hon. Senators: Order!

The Hon. the Speaker: May I remind the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) that if he speaks again on this motion it will have the effect of closing the debate.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. Although the Leader of the Opposition did not say so in so many words, he accused me of deliberately holding up the setting up of this committee.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): The Government.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: He did so on two other occasions and I am going to answer him right now.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, may I say that I did not accuse the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) or charge him with delay in setting up this committee. I charged the Government, which he represents in this house, with delay.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: It had nothing to do with it.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): The Government had the whole thing to do with it.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: He said he first mentioned this on March 8. Now, as soon as I had time to consider the matter I discussed it with the members on my side, I discussed it with the members on the other side, I discussed it a couple of times with the Leader of the Opposition, and then I went to work and had a motion prepared.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): In May.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: In due course, within a couple of weeks, I had the motion ready and submitted it to the honourable Leader of the Opposition for his approval.