

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Some are elected and others are appointed by the federal Government. The commissioner does not have the say as to who is to get this money.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: It says here, "the Commissioner".

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: No, it says "the Commissioner in Council".

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: He may make ordinances for the borrowing of money.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That means the whole Government.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: But, subparagraph (b) provides "for the lending of money by the Commissioner". Why by the Commissioner? If you wish to make it read "by the Commissioner in Council" you will make it a little clearer, but even so why should the Commissioner in Council be required to get Government permission for borrowing and not have Government permission for lending?

I think if I had a choice between the two actions I would require him to get permission to lend money. When he borrows money it goes into the public treasury and there is no danger in that, but I do not like authorizing him to hand out money to school boards and municipalities on his own authority. This bill gives the council that power, at all events, and I rather think that it gives the Commissioner the power to do so.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Would you like to have this bill referred to a committee and have the minister present?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: I think this bill had better be referred to committee, if we have time to do it at all.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: The committee could meet next week some time.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Well, I do not know when. We might meet tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I was hoping we were going to adjourn this afternoon until Monday night.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I do not think there is any hope of that.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

INDIAN BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill 246, to amend the Indian Act.

The bill was read the first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Haig: Next sitting.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I was asked by the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) earlier this afternoon about the adjournment. I find that there are two bills coming over from the House of Commons tomorrow, so we will have to meet tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Before the house adjourns, may I ask the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) if, as he intimated earlier today, there will be Royal Assent tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I hope the Royal Assent will be given tomorrow afternoon to the bills we have passed.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.