

brought down? Could the appropriation bill and the estimates not be brought down together, so that they could be discussed in the early part of the session, piece by piece?

Some hon. members have felt that they have not had an opportunity, except at the end of the session, to discuss certain things. That criticism could very well be avoided. Not only that, but I believe we would avoid a tremendous amount of repetition if the estimates and the war appropriation expenditures were placed together in some kind of book form, so that they could be handled in an orderly way?

Mr. ILSLEY: Consideration will be given to improving the method of presenting the war appropriation bill. I do not know what change can be made, but I agree that the present method is not very satisfactory.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): Not only do the nerves of members of parliament get frayed toward the end of the session, but they become annoyed at so much repetition. In addition to that, they are taken away from their ridings for long months, when work in their ridings is required. I suggest to the Prime Minister that the session might be broken up, possibly into three parts. For instance, we might have the speech from the throne and the debate thereon, after which we would return to our constituencies. Then let the government have something else brought forward, and we would then take part in the next portion of the session. I do not know exactly how one would go about it, but it should be arranged so that members could return to their constituencies, and learn the feeling therein. In this session we have been away from our ridings for six months.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Well, let us get back as soon as we can.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): I do not know whether I have contributed much in making this suggestion, but I will contribute now and I would add this, that members might be allowed, if they so desire, to place themselves on record by writing their speeches. Then we could have a committee of the house to go over those speeches and see if they are all right. Let them be put on *Hansard*, as far as that is concerned, and let us get on with the war.

Section agreed to.

Sections 4, 5 and 6 agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

## THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Government House, Ottawa,  
August 1, 1942.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. Sir Lyman Poore Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber to-day, Saturday, the 1st August, at nine o'clock p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,  
Assistant Secretary to the  
Governor General.

## ALBERTA NATURAL RESOURCES

### AMENDMENTS OF TRANSFER AGREEMENT RESPECTING ROYALTIES ON OIL PRODUCTION

The house resumed from Wednesday, May 27, consideration in committee of Bill No. 18, to amend the Alberta Natural Resources Act—Mr. Crerar—Mr. McCann in the chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. STIRLING: Mr. Chairman, I must protest most strongly against proceeding with this bill at this late hour in the session. For two weeks at least the house has been giving every assistance it possibly can to the government in this tiresome method of dealing with all the estimates in one lump at the end of the session. There are dozens of members in the house who have given considerable study to the estimates, but with the desire to assist they have forgone their opportunity to discuss matters they desired to discuss. I know of a great many hon. members, including myself, who have refrained from debating the estimates in the desire to get through.

Having given that assistance, it is a most unreasonable thing to proceed with this bill after the estimates are through. In the second place, this measure has proved a most contentious one. It was introduced in March and received second reading in May, and the debate at that stage was most contentious. The leader of the opposition expressed his views pretty strongly on the subject matter of the bill. The hon. member for Saskatoon City (Mr. Bence) and the two members from Calgary, both of whom are government sup-