

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton), seconded by Mr. Starr, by leave of the House, presented a Bill, No. C-6, An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1959, which was read the first time.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Fleming (Eglinton), seconded by Mr. Starr, moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported without amendment.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Fleming (Eglinton), seconded by Mr. Starr, moved,—That the said Bill be now read a third time.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Before accepting the Minister's motion for third reading, may I ask the House for its consent to put the two motions together. We have been in the habit of moving third reading and then of moving a further motion that the bill be now passed and that the title be as on the order paper. I have considered this practice at the last session and again at this session and have conferred with the officers of the House. There is no provision in our rules for anything further than a third reading and as far as the rules are concerned when the bill has received its third reading it is passed. This second motion, or fourth motion as it really is—the first, second and third readings and the motion to pass the bill, its title to be as on the order paper—is an historical relic as far as I can find out and one which has been abandoned in other parliaments.

I would suggest, if the House is willing, therefore, that the motion be accepted in the form that the said bill be now read a third time and do pass and if at any time there appears to be any reason for adding an additional motion we could revert to the practice, but it would be an economy of time.

It would not, of course, affect the rights of the House when third reading is called in any way at all; it just eliminates an apparently unnecessary motion. Is it agreed that we follow this practice?

The House having consented to the proposed change; and the question being put on the motion: That the said Bill be now read a third time and do pass; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Pursuant to order made this day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed resolution respecting the Unemployment Insurance Act, and progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to consider it again at the next sitting of the House.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 40, namely:

By Mr. Fulton, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Commissioner of Penitentiaries for the year ended March 31, 1957, pursuant to section 14 of the Penitentiary Act, chapter 206, R.S.C., 1952. (French).