

granted by various acts, by order-in-council or by proclamation must be established in Canada. Such study or scrutiny could be made by a committee of the House of Commons, as recommended by the McGuigan Committee, or it could be by a committee of the Senate, or as was suggested by Senator Thompson, by a joint committee of both houses. I think I should say that it is my recommendation that it should be a committee of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. Martin: That is my view too.

Hon. Mrs. Fergusson: Such a committee could provide a forum before which delegated legislation could be discussed and where the public could be represented. It is important that Canadians have a forum where they can point out to what extent they suffer, or believe they suffer, injustice at the hands of administrative officials.

Despite the fact that I see very clearly the need to have control over delegated legislation and the need in Canada for a study in depth of this problem, again I would remind you that in carrying out the ever increasing responsibilities involved in administering the acts which the Houses of Parliament have passed and to which the Queen has assented, the Canadian civil servants have a most difficult assignment and deserve sympathy rather than the criticism so often heaped on them.

Another of Sam Slick's wise saws is:

There is a way of doing everything if you only know how to go about it.

I am sure there is a way of solving this problem, and that the Legal and Constitutional Committee of the Senate with its many able and experienced members will be competent to find that way if given the opportunity. I have much pleasure in supporting this resolution.

Hon. Lionel Choquette: Honourable senators, I understand that Senator Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche) will be here Tuesday evening. I therefore adjourn the debate on his behalf.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Choquette, for Hon. Mr. Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), debate adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, before I move the adjournment of the house, I would remind you of the invitation which His Honour the Speaker extended when he opened the debate on the report of the visit of the joint Senate and House of Commons delegation to Washington, to participate in the debate whether or not one was a member of that delegation. It seems to me that following that suggestion, and keeping in mind the encouragement given by the speech this afternoon by Senator O'Leary, we have an opportunity of discussing in the course of this debate matters that are of current and topical interest in Canada. I do not know of any parliamentary body that has a better opportunity for such discussion than the Senate.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m.
