

but that the Bill be sent back to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of having the Committee consider his amendment.

Hon. Mr. COPP: I think the proper procedure would be for the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Murdock) to move his amendment when the motion is made for third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Yes, he can do that.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: That is the correct procedure. The motion for concurrence by the House in the report of the Committee of the Whole is declared carried.

THIRD READING POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I move the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I object to it without notice.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I move, in amendment, that the Bill be not read a third time, but that it be referred again to the Committee of the Whole—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would ask the honourable leader on the other side (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) to tell us what his objection is.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Under the rules, a motion for third reading cannot be made to-day, if it is objected to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am informed that the rules governing third reading and other matters have been suspended until the end of the session.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: When there is no objection, as I understood.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I have declared the report of the Committee of the Whole accepted, honourable senators. It is now in order to proceed with the motion for third reading, as honourable senators desire.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have moved the third reading of the Bill, but my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) raises the point that, without the general consent of the House, the third reading cannot be moved the same day that the Bill has been considered in Committee of the Whole. That would be correct if the rules governing the procedure had not been suspended by a former motion. If they have been suspended, my honourable friend's point is not well taken.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: After the last recess we suspended a considerable number of

rules. Perhaps the honourable gentleman who was acting leader of the House at the time (Hon. Mr. Belcourt) can tell me whether the rule concerning third reading was included in those that were suspended for the rest of the session.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I cannot tell that from memory. But I did not understand my honourable friend to object to the motion being made for third reading now; I thought his objection was to the moving of an amendment to the third reading.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I objected to both.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Honourable senators, I was not present this afternoon when the vote was taken on section 2 of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, because I was paired. As every honourable member knows, there are only two or three contentious matters in the Bill. Those have all been discussed, and at the last minute, when it has been generally thought that there would be no further debate on these matters, the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Murdock) has moved an amendment to the effect that the decision that was reached this afternoon be reconsidered. Now, regardless of whether the rules governing procedure on this point have been suspended or not, I submit it is only reasonable that all honourable members who are interested in the contentious sections should be given an opportunity to be present. It would not seriously delay the progress of the Bill if we did not proceed with the motion for third reading now.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I am sure that if my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Calder) had been present this afternoon, he would hardly say now that I have come in at the last moment with an amendment.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: So far as I know, that is what the honourable gentleman has done.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I should be delighted to explain the reason for my amendment. I do not think that section 2 of the Bill this afternoon had all the discussion that it deserved. I really think the members of this honourable House are desirous of doing—and I am firmly convinced that they should do—something different from what has been done so far in this matter. That is why I want to get the question before the House once more.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: My honourable friend surely must know that this is not a new matter. We have had this question before us several times previously and have thrashed it