

street battles in the City of Toronto between these classes of people. Are we going back to that kind of life? I hope not.

Honourable senators, I suggest to you that the working men of this country, be they organized or otherwise, are those who would lose most were we to destroy the democratic institutions under which we have lived for the last hundred years. I appeal to all men, not only the leaders but those whom they lead, to think well before they go into wildcat strikes or any other kind of demonstrations contrary to the law that we are passing tonight, and then to take their place in our democratic society to bring about such changes in the law in future as they may think necessary in their own interests.

I appeal to them all—and they probably will listen to my words, if that is necessary, because I have been one of them and one with them for many years—and I commend to my fellow senators here the passage of this bill.

Hon. M. Wallace McCutcheon: Honourable senators, I am in complete agreement with Senator Roebuck, that the members of the railway unions will observe the law, whether it be the law as expressed in the bill in the House of Commons up to about 11 o'clock last night, or whether it be the law as expressed in the bill which we have before us now.

However, I say that we will look back on this day and on yesterday—when history is written—with some shame. We have been faced with naked power, despite Senator Roebuck's reference to his friends for whom he has acted for 30 or 40 years.

I have a copy of a letter in front of me, addressed to the Prime Minister, copies of which were sent to the Leader of the Opposition, to Mr. Douglas, to Mr. Caouette to Mr. Thompson, to Mr. Pickersgill and to Mr. Nicholson. It is on the record in the House of Commons. I will read but one sentence, the last sentence:

We ask that you and your colleagues give most serious consideration to making amendments which would make this legislation acceptable and avoid putting the railway workers of Canada in a position in which they are likely to ignore parliamentary action.

Let us not hear any more from Senator Roebuck.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: What is wrong with that?

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: Are you satisfied that they should avoid Parliament, that they should object to what Parliament has done?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Parliament has agreed to amend the bill, as it has done, and has not placed the members of the unions in a difficult position. What is the matter with that?

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: I did not say "in a difficult position". They say, "in a position where they will ignore Parliament".

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: That is a statement of fact.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: All right, you made it and you accept it? That is fine. I think the time has come when we should put a few facts on the record. We have been hearing for some three days about the railway workers. I am sympathetic to the railway workers and they deserve a wage increase of some kind; but when with bleeding heart the *Toronto Daily Star* says that they must have 25 per cent in order to come up to the standard which the *Toronto Daily Star* says is the right standard, that is, the standard of the durable goods industry, then we should take a look at that.

The fact is that at the end of December 1965 the average hourly earning of employees in the durable goods industry was \$2.33. The fact is that at the same date the average hourly earning of the non-operating railway employees—of course, if we brought in the operating employees it would be higher—was \$2.23. So they were 10 cents behind. An increase of 4 per cent, which is contemplated, would mean \$2.30 and would put them about even, as of January 1, because each increase of one per cent means about 2.2 cents per hour. But then we have gone on, under this threat, and we have 4 per cent on July 1, 1966.

I do not object really to the 1966 proposals, but we have gone on to 4 per cent on January 1, 1967, and to 6 per cent on July 1, 1967. We have set the floor, we have provided for mediation and arbitration over and above the floor. What that means is 43 cents per hour. The expected increase in the durable goods index is 30 cents per hour. I am not going to quarrel particularly with that. That came out of the conciliation board. But I do say that I am getting a little tired sitting and listening about these poor people of whom we are taking advantage, for I say