

questions. I asked him to study an amendment which I had brought forward concerning clause 78. I should like the minister to tell me whether this type of clause would have been accepted. Also, does the government intend to vote any supplementary amount to the grade crossing fund in the event that it should be depleted during the fiscal year? I wonder whether it would be possible to give the new commission sufficient power to initiate a plan to eliminate grade crossings, so that we would not be faced with the necessity of waiting for the roads department of a province or a municipality to take action.

I understand, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Lawless, director general of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, has asked the minister that a meeting be held in the future concerning changes which might be made to the grade crossing fund, which I believe has been inadequate since 1958. I should like to ask whether the minister could explain what protection there is in respect of the commuter service under this new legislation vis-à-vis abandoned railroad tracks.

I wonder whether the minister in his concluding remarks would be able to answer some of these questions?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, which perhaps is not a genuine question of privilege, you might allow me to say how glad all of us are to have the hon. member for Jacques Cartier-Lasalle back after his lengthy illness, which prevented his taking the same part in the work of the committee of the whole that he did during the hearings of the committee on transport and communications, when he was most helpful. Unfortunately under the rules I am not allowed to speak, but I will personally give the hon. member an answer to his questions.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I shall detain the house only a few minutes. I rise to speak not on any matter of substance in respect of this bill but rather with regard to a matter of form. Were I to speak to a matter of substance, the minister probably would guess that it would have to do with the pensions of retired employees of the Canadian National Railways and the pension arrangements of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Frankly I do not see how I could relate these subjects to this legislation. I plan, however, to raise these matters again on another occasion.

The point of form to which I should like to draw attention has to do with the set-up of

the bill on page 2. In the middle of that page in capital letters there is a heading and then a subheading in small capital letters which reads:

## PART I.

## CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION.

I should like to suggest that that heading and subheading are in the wrong place. The way it is now it would appear that clause 2, namely the title, and then the clauses relating to interpretation and application, relate only to Part I of the bill. The fact is that the title and the interpretation and application clauses refer to the entire bill, not just to Part I. I contend therefore that the heading, "Part I, Canadian Transport Commission" ought to appear after clause 5. In other words I suggest it should appear just above the subheading in italics, "Constitution of Commission". Even if we were in committee of the whole I am not sure whether this would be a proper amendment. I suspect it is simply a matter of adjusting the lay-out of the pages. It may be that this is a situation in respect of which the parliamentary counsel could make the necessary adjustment when he prepares this bill, after it is finally passed, for its final printing by the Queen's Printer. I simply bring this to the attention of the house in the hope that this matter of a change in the form might be made so that if the bill does pass it will appear in a sensible form so far as this part of it is concerned.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Pickersgill) which was agreed to on the following division:

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| Cardin                      | Langlois (Chicoutimi) |
| Chatwood                    | Laniel                |
| Clermont                    | Laverdière            |
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| Côté (Nicolet-Yamaska)      | Lefebvre              |
| Cowan                       | Legault               |
| Crossman                    | Lind                  |
| Davis                       | Mackasey              |
| Deachman                    | McWilliam             |
| Drury                       | Marchand              |
| Forest                      | Matheson              |
| Gordon                      | Mongrain              |
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