

Mr. GUTHRIE: I would fully agree with my hon. friend in his general statement that all the legal work of the various departments should be exclusively under the Department of Justice, but I would make an exception in the present instance. We are setting up a special board for a special purpose as a result of the price spreads inquiry, and we are appointing a prosecutor as a special agent or officer of that board to see that the law is carried out; otherwise I would agree entirely with the principles set forth by my hon. friend.

Mr. LAPOINTE: My hon. friend will be responsible for the work of that man.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I see the anomaly, but the idea is to convince the public, the business people of the country, that this measure is to be enforced, and we are putting a special prosecutor under the control of the trade and industry commission for that purpose.

Mr. BENNETT: I want to make it clear, in case there is any letter we have overlooked—there may be a change of a letter plural or singular—that the motion is for the second reading and concurrence in all the amendments made by the Senate except the following: the amendment to section 14; this house accepts the amendment if there is added after the word “the” and before the word “opinion” in the second line thereof the word “unanimous,” so that it would read “in the unanimous opinion.” That is No. 1. That is for the reason that inasmuch as the former part of the section provides for unanimity of opinion, it is desirable that the same should characterize the action taken under the proposed amendment. The next one is the amendment to section 20. The house does not agree in the amendments made by their honours for the following reason, that it is regarded as a bad precedent to state in a statute that anybody can direct those who violate the statute to cease or desist, for if there is a breach to the knowledge of the commission, it should be its duty to take appropriate proceedings for the enforcement of the law in that regard. Does that cover what we wish to say?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Have a greater penalty than simply being told to cease and desist.

Mr. BENNETT: It does provide for greater proceedings after, but I think the principle is wrong.

The amendment at the end of line 29 in section 21 is not agreed to for the reason that under the special circumstances in this case

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it is desirable that the director of prosecutions should not be an official of the Department of Justice, although in carrying out his work he is under the superintendence of the minister.

This house does not agree to the deletion of section 26, which it regards as an important section, if in the opinion of the Secretary of State it is desirable to make investigation for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the capital structure of any company is not in accordance with the principles of the Companies Act.

This house does not agree to the amendment to new section 28 for the reason that it is not desirable that the right of the provincial authorities to institute criminal proceedings should be dependent upon the leave of the commission.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Bennett moves, seconded by Mr. Guthrie:

That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting their honours that this house concurs in the amendments specified by the Prime Minister for the reasons set forth by him, and that the clerk of the house do convey the message to their honours.

Mr. POULIOT: Speaking to the motion I want to make my last remarks for this session. In regard to this proposed legislation, the ex-Minister of Trade and Commerce stands half-way between the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Woodsworth) and the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister himself is halfway between the ruthlessness of the iron heel and Messrs. Litvinoff, Strachey and the like. The reason I am against this absurd legislation is because it is a consommé made with the skeleton bone of broken promises. That is all, sir.

Motion agreed to.

## RADIO BROADCASTING

### CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 99, to amend the Radio Broadcasting Act, 1932.

He said: It merely gives effect to the intention of the commons to continue those sections that were enacted in 1932 until March 31 next year.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): I want to say to my right hon. friend that it is customary to give the leader of the opposition a copy of the amendments. I know it has been just an oversight that I have not been furnished