

the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Ontario respecting public harbours.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford) moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Thursday next.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: May I ask the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald, Brantford) when these bills received first and second reading in the other place?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): The last bill that I presented was considered in the House of Commons last session, received second reading there, was sent to committee and was reported back from committee, but Parliament was dissolved before there was an opportunity to complete consideration of it.

Is the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks) interested in the other bills?

Hon. Mr. Brooks: Perhaps a similar explanation might be given with regard to them.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): With respect to Bill S-2, to amend the Bankruptcy Act, honourable senators will recall that that bill was considered by this house. My friend, the present Leader of the Opposition, will recall that he presented the bill to the Senate, that some substantial amendments were made to it in committee, that it was reported back to the Senate and received third reading here. Then it was sent to the other house, but the dissolution of Parliament prevented further consideration of the bill in that house.

The bill that I have presented to the house today is the bill as amended by the Senate, and honourable senators will be familiar with it. The other two bills, respecting the Export and Import Permits Act and The Newfoundland Savings Bank Act, I believe, have not been considered by either house. They will be considered in due course.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Were they on the Order Paper of the other house when dissolution took place?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): I am not sure whether they were or not. They may have been. I was too occupied keeping myself up to date on what was on the Order Paper in the Senate to know what was before the other house. I have put these bills on the Order Paper for second reading next Thursday because, in accordance with the rules, forty-eight hours must elapse before they can receive consideration; however, I doubt if

they will be considered on that day. I understand the honourable Leader of the Opposition has intimated that I should give some information about the business of the house this week.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I should like to ask for some information as to these bills, and whether they are in the same terms as the bills that were before the other house, or if they are new bills.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): I have explained Bill S-2, to amend the Bankruptcy Act, and the Bill S-5, to approve an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario respecting Public Harbours. I do not know if the other two bills have been considered by the other house. However, it is unlikely that any of the bills will be considered by this house this week.

It has been suggested, subject to the pleasure of honourable senators, that tomorrow should be occupied by the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and that on Thursday the Leader of the Opposition may wish to speak. I understand that he will let us know about that tomorrow. It would seem that those matters will occupy the balance of this week. Whether I will speak the following Tuesday or whether we will consider one of these bills on that day, I will intimate to the house at the end of this week.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford) moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt:

That all the senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate chamber when and as often as they please.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford) moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt:

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Aseltine, Brooks, Choquette, Fergusson, Lefrancois, Macdonald (Brantford), Macdonald (Cape Breton), Monette, Reid, Smith (Kamloops) and Taylor (Norfolk) be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the