

THE SENATE

Wednesday, June 18, 1969

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

GREAT SLAVE LAKE RAILWAY—LOSSES TO CONTRACTORS—PRIVILEGE

Hon. Hazen Argue: Honourable senators, I rise on a question of privilege. Yesterday, the order calling for the resumption of the debate on an inquiry standing in my name, and having to do with the Great Slave Lake Railway, was called. Honourable Senator McDonald gave an explanation as to why it was not necessary, from his point of view, to proceed with the debate at that time, and asked that the order stand.

I do not see that order on the Order Paper today where I would expect it to appear. I merely point that out, and ask that it be restored to its proper place on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, this is an inquiry. The honourable Senators Argue and Prowse spoke in the debate, and the honourable Senator McDonald moved the adjournment. Yesterday Senator McDonald said that the honourable senator who had intended to speak on it had decided not to do so. If at that time another honourable senator wished to speak he could have moved the adjournment of the debate. Does any other honourable senator wish to speak on this inquiry? If so, I should like to know.

Hon. Mr. Argue: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Senate I feel that when I ask that a motion in my name be allowed to stand, it should be agreeable to let it stand. I am not an authority on the rules, but I would assume that if I so wished I could close the debate on the inquiry. I did not wish to do so at that time. It depends whether the inquiry in the other place accomplishes what I hope it will accomplish, whether or not I would wish others to take part in this debate. Since the matter is very much alive and is a public question, unless there is some good reason why it should be removed from the Order Paper, I feel that it should remain there.

The Hon. the Speaker: Would it be agreeable to the honourable Senator Argue that I inquire into this matter further and advise tomorrow as to what can be done about it?

Hon. Mr. Argue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

AUTHORITY TO SIT DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald moved, with leave of the Senate, that the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs be empowered to sit while the Senate is sitting today.

Motion agreed to.

HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS BILL

COMMONS AMENDMENT CONCURRED IN

Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered the Commons amendment to Bill S-26, to prohibit the advertising, sale and importation of hazardous products, and had recommended that the Senate do concur in the said amendment.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Hayden: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that this report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

PRIVATE BILL

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, reported that the committee had considered Bill S-39, respecting Boy Scouts of Canada, and to incorporate L'Association des Scouts du Canada, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that the bill be read the third time now.