

After further debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, a recorded division was deferred.

Mr. Horner, seconded by Mr. Aiken, moved,—That Bill C-120, An Act respecting the status of the official languages of Canada, be amended by adding to Clause 40, the following sub-clause 5:

“(5) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, no person shall be refused employment or promotion within the Public Service of Canada on grounds alone of inadequate acquaintance with either of the official languages mentioned in this Act, provided that the applicant has declared his intention and willingness to learn the other official language.”

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, a recorded division was deferred.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed Bill C-202, An Act to provide incentives for the development of productive employment opportunities in regions of Canada determined to require special measures to facilitate economic expansion and social adjustment, without amendment.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. McQuaid, seconded by Mr. Hales,—That Bill C-120, An Act respecting the status of the official languages of Canada, be amended by adding to clause 34 thereof the following subclauses:

“(4) Where a member of the House of Commons, on or before the third sitting day next following the day the Speaker of that House tables any report made by the Commissioner under section 33, asks leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the report as a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, the matter shall be deemed proper to be discussed and shall thereafter be proceeded with in accordance with the provisions of the standing order of the House applicable to the subsequent stages of the proceeding.

(5) The annual statement to Parliament made by the Commissioner under this section, when tabled respectively in the Senate and House of Commons, shall thereupon be referred in each House to a committee designated by the Speaker.”

And on the proposed amendment thereto of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Danforth,—That the motion be amended by:

(1) deleting the proposed subclause (4); and

(2) inserting in the proposed subclause (5), next after the word “section”, the words “and any report that may be made by him under section 33”; and by renumbering the sub-clause as sub-clause (4).

And on the proposed amendment of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre),—That the motion be further amended by deleting the words “to a committee designated by the Speaker” at the end of sub-clause (5) and that the following words be substituted therefor:

“to an appropriate committee”.