

is so, the present amendment may not be as important and significant as it might otherwise be.

I suggest to the minister that he consider standing the present amendment until he is ready to bring in the other amendment so that we may look at both together to see where we stand. It may well be that the effect of the other amendment, if it is brought in, will be to make the present amendment comparatively unnecessary. It may not be of consequence.

Progress reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, public bills and private bills.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Winkler: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask the house leader at this time what the business of the house will be on Monday.

Mr. McLraith: With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I shall announce the business for Monday now. We would propose to call first the resolution, item 111 on the order paper, preceding the bill to amend the Old Age Security Act and providing for supplementary payments. At the conclusion of that, if there is any time left, we will continue with the medicare bill again.

● (5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do I understand there is some agreement that public bills will stand today? Does the house give unanimous consent to stand all public bills?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The house will now proceed to the consideration of private bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Bert Leboe (Caribou) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. S-16, to incorporate Bank of British Columbia.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a few brief remarks on this bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion that the Speaker leave the chair is not debatable.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Batten in the chair.

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Private Bills

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

The Chairman: May I say to the committee that under this particular bill in the list of private bills there is a note reading: "Text of amendments printed in *Votes and Proceedings* of October 25, 1966, at pages 922-923." If some hon. members do not have copies of *Votes and Proceedings*, there is a small number here available for distribution.

Mr. Leboe: Mr. Chairman, I merely wish to say that this bill has been before the committee on finance, trade and economic affairs. The proceedings of that committee are reported in report No. 16 covering Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, 1966. As Your Honour has mentioned, *Votes and Proceedings* No. 140 contains the amendments which were made in committee. These amendments were of a minor nature. In general, the bill follows the pattern of one which was passed earlier this year, namely, the bill establishing the Bank of Western Canada. It is some time since Bill S-16 was before the committee but if there are any questions I can answer in connection with it I shall be happy to try to do so.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, I wish to make a few brief remarks on this bill because it is a bill of particular interest to the people of British Columbia. A bill of this type was first presented to the Senate, I understand, in 1964 under the sponsorship of the government of British Columbia. I am told that at that time the representatives of the government of British Columbia proposed that the government of that province should hold a certain percentage of the shares in this bank.

Earlier this year the proposal was presented to the other place in an amended form. It was discussed there. I have a copy of the minutes of the banking and commerce committee of the other place containing the record of an interesting debate. Later this matter was considered by the standing committee of this house on finance, trade and economic affairs. The report of that committee is an interesting document too. I see that the witnesses who were called before that committee included C. F. Elderkin, Inspector General of Banks; W. G. Burke-Robertson, Parliamentary Agent; H. B. Elworthy, W. C. Mearns, J. A. C. Wallace, F. H. Dietrich and E. M. Gunderson, provisional directors of the Bank of British Columbia.

I understand that when this measure was before the standing committee on finance,