

are many of them. We need not look so far away. Next to me is Senator Gordon Isnor, one of the most popular members of the Senate. He was formerly in the House of Commons, and he knew 9 out of 10, if not 99 out of 100 of his constituents by name. He was most popular with the railway employees, because he fought the case of each one of them for the very good reason that the unions were not always there to support them. And besides that, there is Rule G. Senator Isnor knows about Rule G. Nobody can do anything. The unions say we—

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I wonder if the honourable senator would mind an interruption at this time? His Honour the Speaker has already read the letter indicating that there will be the Royal Assent and that the Chief Justice of Canada will arrive here at 5.45 p.m. It might serve the honourable gentleman's convenience if the Senate were to adjourn now and then he could conclude his speech when we reassemble at 8 o'clock this evening.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: I will say thank you just to affirm my rights.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Does the honourable senator intend to speak this evening when we reassemble at 8 o'clock?

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: I have said "thank you". That is my peroration.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable senators, I did not intend to shut the honourable senator off. If he desires to speak tonight, I have no objection. Otherwise, my intention is that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, and I would suggest that the committee meet tonight at 8 o'clock. If the honourable senator desires to speak further, the house will adjourn, after Royal Assent, until 8 p.m. and we can come back and finish the debate on second reading.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: I did not hear the hour. Will the committee to which this bill is referred sit before 8 p.m.?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): No, we cannot do that. This bill must have second reading before it can be referred to a committee. I am proposing that, if the debate does not finish immediately, we come back at 8 o'clock and complete the debate, and thereafter have the committee meeting. As Senator

Choquette knows, I am thinking of the situation which exists because we were called here for only one day.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: I am in a conciliatory mood and all I would ask of the leader is to tell us what is the urgency for this measure.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): As I have indicated already, I understand the situation on the west coast in respect of certain labour problems out there is critical. I would ask the honourable senator to go to the committee; I will arrange to have the minister there, so that he may ask him directly and get a much better explanation than any I can give him.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: I think we realize that there is a good deal of urgency about this matter, and I am hopeful that the minister will be able to clear it up.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: If the leader says so, I will withdraw all objection.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West), bill referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give Royal Assent to the following bill:

An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned until the call of the bell at approximately 9 p.m.

Upon resuming at 9 p.m.