

submit the sufficiency or insufficiency of their appraisal to the judgment of their fellows in this house.

Mr. GRAYDON: If I may ask my hon. friend a question on that point, is it anticipated that the military agreements will be ready in sufficient time to be dealt with at the next session of this parliament?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I will reply to the hon. member quite frankly. I think it would be very desirable but I am afraid it will not be possible. Perhaps I should not use the phrase "I am afraid." I do not think it will be possible to have the organization in shape to make those arrangements before spring. I will not say that would not still be within the time the next session of this house may run, but I really would not expect that these arrangements would be ready to be dealt with even at the next session of this house.

Just one further point, in view of the fact that I am submitting this resolution for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I think I should state one more element which may help to appraise the feeling of the government as to what would be proper policy in this regard. It is our feeling that the majority, the very large majority if not the whole of the Canadian people wish Canada to be a part of this international organization and to do whatever may be required in order to be a full partner in it, believing that whatever may be required is a price that Canada is prepared to pay to make this organization effective, if it can be made effective. It is already some achievement to have the signatures of fifty nations; it is, I think, a very hopeful prospect for humanity, and I invite all members of the house to join with those who represented the Canadian nation at San Francisco in saying that Canada is quite prepared to take whatever risk may be involved in joining this organization, because the other risk, that of not having an international organization, is something of such consequence that one dare hardly envisage it.

Mr. POULIOT: Will the decision reached by the united nations be submitted to parliament before final approval?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I am not sure that I understand the hon. member's question. The agreement to be entered into between Canada and the security council as to the kind and quota of the forces to be provided will be submitted to parliament for approval before Canada will become bound by it.

Mr. POULIOT: Thank you; that is what I wanted to know.

Motion (Mr. St. Laurent) agreed to.

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MACKENZIE moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: The business for Monday will be, in the main, the appropriation estimates, but before we enter upon them there are two resolutions the house will be asked to refer to committees. One is on page 3 of to-day's order paper in the name of the Minister of Labour, and this it is intended to refer to the newly-formed committee on external affairs. Hon. members will find the other on page 23, in the name of the Minister of Reconstruction; it will be referred to the committee on railways and shipping. It is very important that these resolutions be referred to these committees, and I would hope that the house might do so without much debate, in order to get ahead with the estimates of the defence departments, which will be in this order: navy, army and air force. I would also ask the house, probably late in the evening, to permit me to get two other departments in the ordinary civilian estimates into supply, for Tuesday.

Mr. GRAYDON: Might I ask the minister to clarify one point. He spoke of referring one of the government resolutions, the one standing in the name of the Minister of Labour, to the committee on external affairs.

Mr. MACKENZIE: Yes.

Mr. GRAYDON: Is that the long resolution appearing on the order paper?

Mr. MACKENZIE: Yes, it is.

Mr. GRAYDON: Is that not a matter for the industrial relations committee rather than the committee on external affairs? I am only asking the question for clarification.

Mr. MACKENZIE: My hon. friend's point is very well taken. That question was very carefully considered, but the resolution itself deals largely with external relations and it was decided that it would be very fine resolution for this new committee to commence to work upon. I think the house will find the committee is well qualified to give the resolution every consideration.

Mr. GRAYDON: I think it is the best committee of all.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.40 p.m.