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ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. John A. McDonald, Acting Chairman of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, presented the report of the committee on Bill 250.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the Bill (250 from the House of Commons), intituled: "An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act", have in obedience to the order of reference of March 3, 1954, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Mr. McDonald: With leave of the Senate, I move third reading now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, before we proceed further with the Orders of the Day I should like to make a brief announcement. It is hoped that when we get through our business this afternoon all public bills now on the order paper will have been disposed of, and it is unlikely that we shall receive any further bills from the other place today. Probably the next legislation to reach us will be the housing bill, to which the honourable senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) has referred. From inquiries I have made, it appears that it should be given third reading in the other place by Wednesday of next week. I am sure all honourable senators are anxious to start consideration of that bill as soon as it is passed by the other house, and if it is passed there on Wednesday we would like to give it first reading in this house on Thursday. Copies of the bill would then be distributed, and we could go into full consideration of the legislation as soon thereafter as possible. Under the circumstances, I move that when the house rises this afternoon it stand adjourned until Thursday, March 11, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Haig: If this bill receives first reading in the Senate on Thursday, you propose to adjourn then until the following Monday?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Under the rules of this house two days must elapse between first and second readings. On Thursday I would propose that we adjourn until Monday night, but in the meantime honourable senators could study the bill. In that way there would be no delay on the part of this house in considering the legislation.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION— THIRD READING

Hon. Mrs. Wilson, for Hon. Mr. Paterson, moved the third reading of Bill F-11, an Act respecting the Canadian Nurses' Association.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

EXPORT CREDITS INSURANCE BILL

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon moved the third reading of Bill 295, an Act to amend the Export Credits Insurance Act.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I am going to say just two or three words on this bill. I want to congratulate the honourable senator from Edmonton (Hon. Mr. MacKinnon) upon the very fine presentation he made of this bill to this house. And having been present at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources this morning, where I listened to explanations of various phases of the bill, I also congratulate the government upon the young man it has in charge of this organization. I must say that he was as good a witness as ever appeared before the committee. He discussed the problems concerned in this legislation and answered every question without going behind the camouflage of "This is a question of policy, and we will have to see the minister". There was never any question of policy with him. He told us what the problems were and what the organization was, and we appreciate that very much indeed.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Macdonald moved the third reading of Bill 176, an Act to amend the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.