

the majority. Is this going to be a steady arrangement—this sitting while the House is sitting—or is it being done this time merely as a matter of accommodation to meet some emergency?

The CHAIRMAN: I would say, Mr. Bryce, that this should be the only evening that we would sit.

Mr. BRYCE: That is fine.

The committee adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m.

The committee resumed at 8.00 o'clock p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. A night letter has been received from Montreal, addressed to the chairman, under date of December 2nd, which reads as follows:

This is to inform you as committee chairman that Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labour membership 90,000 in favour of bill number 23 to amend government Annuities Act.

I have also received communication addressed to the committee on industrial relations from a Mr. J. Van. Emery of Montreal. This letter is referred to the subcommittee on agenda and procedure.

Further, gentlemen, the annuity tables requested by Mrs. Fairclough have been distributed and it will be printed as an appendix to today's proceedings.

Appendix "A"—annuity tables, Department of Labour.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: Do we each get a copy of it, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mrs. Fairclough, and it was distributed to all members of the committee this afternoon.

Now, gentlemen, as there have been no further requests for representations to the committee what is your pleasure?

Mr. CROLL: Might I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we deal with the bill?

The CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Crool, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that we proceed with a consideration of bill 23.

All those in favour?

Those opposed?

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, as that motion was carried what is your pleasure with respect to dealing with the bill? Shall we deal with it in camera or shall we have the record continued and the meeting open?

Mr. KNOWLES: I would prefer that we have both the reporters and the officials, although perhaps the officials are even more important than the reporters.

Mr. BROWN: On a draft bill you go into camera.

Mr. CROLL: We go into camera on our report.

The CHAIRMAN: I think the chair recognizes your feelings in the matter and we will continue with the record.

Mr. CARROLL: There is no question that it is a public meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: Then we are on clause 1;

Carried.

Clause 2:

Mr. KNOWLES: Now, Mr. Chairman, not too fast. Clause 2 has a new section—isn't it section 4 that comes first?

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 2, section 4, subsection (1).