

Mr. SPEAKER: My intention is to allow the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre to speak now not as the sponsor of the bill but as a member of the house speaking on the bill. As sponsor of the bill he has been superseded by the hon. member for North Winnipeg, who will have the right to reply at the close of the debate.

Mr. FACTOR: The debate will soon be closed anyway.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the house ready for the question?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to hear in this corner of the house, but do I understand correctly that I am to speak now?

Mr. SPEAKER: No one objects to the hon. member speaking now.

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, in the two minutes left at my disposal I desire to say that I introduced this bill in order to meet, if possible, some very outstanding cases in which I think the general body of citizens of this country recognize that substantial injustice has been done. If the Minister of Immigration (Mr. Gordon) is correct that these particular amendments would make it very difficult for the department to carry on its work of protecting this country, then I should have expected that the minister would himself suggest amendments to meet the present needs. The best thing to do would be to refer this matter to a committee, but that has not been done.

In a number of cases coming before the public there has been obviously a considerable measure of injustice. There was the case which occurred on October 16, 1930, at Hamilton, where an Englishwoman who had been a resident of Canada for eighteen years, an epileptic and the mother of three children aged seventeen, fourteen and twelve years respectively, was deported. Another case occurred in London, Ontario, where an epileptic who had been seventeen years in Canada was ordered to be deported but was allowed to remain after investigation had been made. Another case occurred where a married woman, an epileptic, the mother of four children was deported after being in Canada for sixteen years.

It is quite true that these cases come within the prohibited classes and I presume that under the present legislation referred to by the Minister of Immigration these people were not able to establish domicile even although they had been in this country from fifteen to

twenty years. After these people have been in this country for so long a period the home in the old country has been broken up; new ties have been formed in this country and there should be some fixed term to govern such cases. That is the purpose of the first section of my bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hour for private and public bills having expired, the house will revert to the discussion of the motion to go into supply.

SARNIA PORT HURON VEHICULAR TUNNEL COMPANY

Mr. F. G. SANDERSON (South Perth): Mr. Speaker, before you leave the chair and if I am in order—

Mr. MANION: The discussion on the motion of the hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Guthrie) had not been concluded.

Mr. SANDERSON: If I am not in order, His Honour will so advise the house, but I have consulted the Clerk of the House and—

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand the hon. member desires to make a motion in connection with a private bill. This is merely a formal matter, and he has the right to do so with the consent of the house.

Mr. SANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, I desire to move, seconded by the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. Blair):

That the petition of John Doherty, and others, of the cities of Sarnia and Windsor, Ontario, praying for the passing of an act to incorporate the Sarnia Port Huron Vehicular Tunnel Company, together with the report of the clerk of petitions thereon, be referred to the select standing committee on standing orders for the purpose of considering the suspension of standing order 92 in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY—TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Guthrie (for the Minister of Finance) for committee of supply.

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways and Canals): When the house rose at six o'clock we were discussing the motion to go into committee of supply, and the hon. member for North Timiskaming (Mr. Bradette) had introduced the question of the trans-Canada highway. The discussion had proceeded at some length during the afternoon and he and a number of others had taken part. I do not intend at this late hour and late