

provided that both Houses are represented.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

CONSUMER CREDIT (COST OF LIVING)

JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the name of the honourable Senator Cook be substituted for that of the honourable Senator Deschatelets on the list of senators serving on the Special Joint Committee on Consumer Credit (Cost of Living); and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that house accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

LEGAL SERVICES

FEES PAID BY GOVERNMENT TO MEMBERS OF QUEBEC BAR—INQUIRY STANDS

On the Notice of Inquiry of Hon. Mr. Pouliot that he will inquire of the Government:

Who were the solicitors, lawyers, counsel and notaries public, of the Province of Quebec, who received fees or payments for travelling expenses from the Government of Canada or its agencies during the three years ending June 30, 1966, and how much was paid to each one?

Hon. John J. Connolly: Stand.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Honourable senators, this inquiry has been on the Order Paper for four months and twelve days. I wonder when the Government will be in a position to answer it.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): All I can tell the honourable senator is that the material is in preparation, and that there is a large volume of it. Some technical problems arose, which I dealt with the other day. I had thought the reply would be available by this time. However, I expect to have it very shortly.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Will you have it on Monday next?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I cannot promise that to the honourable senator, but I will have it, if possible.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: They are very slow.
Order stands.

LIVESTOCK FEED ASSISTANCE BILL

SECOND READING—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West) for the second reading of Bill C-218, to provide assistance to livestock feeders in Eastern Canada and British Columbia.

Hon. Arthur M. Pearson: Honourable senators, first, I would like to congratulate the Leader of Government and the other members who spoke on this bill, C-218. So far three lawyers and one businessman have taken part in the debate. This shows considerable cooperation on the part of the legal fraternity and business people, and I am pleased to see that they are taking such interest in this matter.

I am in favour of Bill C-218 with regard to assisting farmers in the east and in British Columbia so that they may make a good living from their farms.

The Leader of the Government has said quite correctly that freight assistance on feed grain was started in 1941. It was a war measures act. However, over the years it has been shown that there are several problems in that sort of program.

On reading the reports of the debates in the other place, I have come to the conclusion that there are a number of conflicts of interest in this bill, even though it will give new help in several ways. There is a conflict of interest between the Wheat Board in western Canada and this livestock agency which is being set up in eastern Canada. One, I would judge, would try to obtain the best price it can; and the other would try to obtain as low a price as possible.

As to the eastern coarse grain producers versus the western coarse grain producers, with low freight rates, there is a conflict of interest there, and the west has an advantage. The western coarse grain will go down to Nova Scotia apparently at a lower rate than that at which it can be shipped from Ontario.