

Golding, Hawkins, Horner, Inman, Leger, Leonard, MacDonald, McDonald, McGrand, Méthot, Molson, Pearson, Power, Smith (Kamloops), Stambaugh, Taylor (Norfolk), Taylor (Westmorland), Turgeon, Vaillancourt, Wall and White.

That the committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to report from time to time.

That the evidence taken on the subject during the two preceding sessions be referred to the committee.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: May I ask the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) if all the members who served on the committee during the preceding two Parliaments are on the present committee?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I paid particular attention to that. I believe that all the former members are on this new committee, probably with one or two additions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I would move that the names of the Honourable Senators Brunt, Emerson and Thorvaldson be added to the list of senators serving on the Standing Committee on Finance.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I did not receive notice that these names would be added. May I ask whether there are three vacancies on the committee?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: These appointments would increase the membership to 30. There would still be several vacancies left unfilled, in case new senators are appointed who may wish to serve on the committee.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Thank you. I take the honourable leader's word for it; I simply wanted to make sure of the number of senators serving on the committee.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, I wonder if this could stand as a notice of motion until next sitting. I would like to have time to look over the list of members.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That is agreeable.

The Hon. the Speaker: Notice of motion stands until next sitting.

NOVA SCOTIA

SHARE OF INCOME TAX COLLECTED FROM CERTAIN CORPORATIONS—INQUIRY AND ANSWER

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

(1) What was the amount paid to the Province of Nova Scotia for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1958 of a share of income tax collected from corporations whose main business is the distribution to, or generation for distribution to the public of electrical energy, gas or steam (Chap. 49 Statutes of 1952)?

(2) What year's income tax collections was used as the basis for determining the amount of the payment?

(3) How was the amount of the above payment determined?

(4) What were the names of the corporations from which the above income tax was collected?

(5) As a consideration of the payment to the Province of Nova Scotia of a share of the income taxes collected from these corporations, is the province required to refund such amounts to the corporations concerned in order to reduce their charges to their customers?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I have the following answer to the honourable gentleman's question:

1. \$400,936.00.

2. Taxation year 1955.

3. Determined from income taxes assessed in accordance with the requirements of the statute for the year 1955 with minor changes in respect of prior years that resulted from re-assessments. The provincial share is 50 per cent of the tax on the appropriate income of corporations concerned.

4. Information of this kind cannot be disclosed pursuant to section 133 of the Income Tax Act.

5. No.

DIVORCE

BILLS—FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. Roebuck presented the following bills:

Bill SD-28, for the relief of Therese Beau-doin Girard.

Bill SD-29, for the relief of Dorothy Elizabeth Nairn Anderson Bloodsworth.

Bill SD-30, for the relief of Anne Marie Mathilde Vautelet Gagnier.

Bill SD-31, for the relief of William Leonard Mugford.

Bill SD-32, for the relief of James Clancy.

Bill SD-33, for the relief of Marjorie June Gabrielson Trainor.

Bill SD-34, for the relief of Kathleen Mitchell Cabana.

Bill SD-35, for the relief of Fernande Leduc Clarke.

Bill SD-36, for the relief of Ann Westwater Murphy.