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the C.B.C. This is not at all what I want to ask the right hon. Prime Minister. Here is what I want to know: will the civil service tolerate, within its organization, such a political faction which definitely wants to promote disunity in Canada and to break with the French-Canadian element?

[English]

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I think it would be quite inappropriate to form a Bulldog party inside the civil service, or indeed any other kind of political party.

TRANSPORTATION**PROVISION FOR DEFINITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL POLICY**

The house resumed, from Monday, January 16, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-231, to define and implement a national transportation policy for Canada, to amend the Railway Act and other acts in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential provisions—Mr. Pickersgill—Mr. Batten in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose last evening clause 50 of the bill was being discussed. There was an understanding that when the committee resumed today clause 42, together with the amendment by the hon. member for Qu'Appelle, would be the first item considered.

● (3:20 p.m.)

On clause 42.

Mr. Hamilton: Mr. Chairman, my amendment has been discussed considerably. I do not think anything either side can add would do anything, and I suggest that we take a vote to see where the committee stands.

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the hon. member's suggestion is very good.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pickersgill: I suggest we proceed at once to determine the feeling of the committee with respect to the amendment, for which I regret I cannot vote.

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Chairman: Order, please. When subclause or section 314D of clause 42 was discussed the hon. member moved the following amendment—

Mr. Starr: Order, please.

[Mr. Caouette.]

The Chairman: The hon. member for Qu'Appelle moved to amend clause 42 as it relates to proposed new section 314D subparagraph 1 by adding after the word "to" which appears in line 6 of page 29 the following "or direct as it sees fit".

Amendment negatived: Yeas, 64; nays, 79.

The Chairman: I declare the amendment lost.

Mr. Pickersgill: I wonder if I could now ask if it is agreeable to the hon. member for Springfield that I ask my colleague the Minister of Justice to move the amendment, based on the suggestion the hon. gentleman made, to paragraph 3 of clause 314D of the Railway Act. The amendment would strike out lines 27 to 35 inclusive on page 29 of the bill as reprinted and substitute the following words. I do not know if hon. members want me to read it; if not, perhaps the Minister of Justice might move it.

Mr. Cardin: I move:

That Bill C-231, an act to define and implement a national transportation policy for Canada, to amend the Railway Act and other acts in consequence thereof and to enact other consequential provisions be amended by striking out lines 27 to 35, inclusive, on page 29 of the bill, as reprinted, and by substituting therefor the following:

(3) Where a recommendation is made by the commission under subsection (1), the commission shall report its recommendation to the governor in council; and, if the recommendation involves one or more railway companies in cost or losses not recoverable under section 314E or is for that or any other reason not acceptable to one or more of such companies, the governor in council may take such legislative or other action as he considers necessary in the public interest.

The Chairman: Is the committee ready for the question?

Mr. Hamilton: On division.

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Mr. Hamilton: On division.

Amendment agreed to on division.

The Chairman: Shall clause 42 as amended carry?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the hon. member for Nickel Belt wishes to speak.

Mr. Fawcett: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to section 314D. I furnished the minister with a copy. Before I formally move it I wish to explain to the committee its purpose. The amendment would form subclause 6 of section 314D. I have a limited number of