THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD BILL SECOND READING POSTPONED

On the Order:

Second reading of Bill 63, an Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935.—Hon. Mr. Marshall.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: I move that this Order be discharged and put on the Order Paper for the next sitting of the House. At the request of Hon. Mr. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, our Parliamentary Counsel is drafting an amendment, which will be ready next Monday.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: Is it the intention to refer this Bill to the Banking and Commerce Committee? If not, I have certain remarks which I should like to make now. But I can make them just as well in committee.

Hon. Mr. MARSHALL: I think this Bill should go to the Banking and Commerce Committee.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: The honourable senator from Peel (Hon. Mr. Marshall) and I had a conference this afternoon with the Hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Hon. Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Mr. Euler has to leave next Thursday on important business and he asked us to request that the Bill be given right of way on Monday, so that it may be returned in good time to the House of Commons for consideration of any amendments we may make. Therefore, on his behalf and my own I ask that the Bill be taken up first thing Monday.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is agreed, I think, that we may give this Bill second reading Monday evening, so that it may go to the Banking and Commerce Committee Tuesday morning.

FISHERIES BILL FIRST READING

Bill 15, an Act to amend The Fisheries Act, 1932.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE BILL FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Bill 144, an Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand. Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

ADJOURNMENT-PROROGATION

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Could the honourable leader inform us what are the prospects of closing Parliament?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have been informed—through the press—that the only stumbling-block to prorogation occurring next week would be a certain Bill which has attracted considerable attention in the Commons, especially during the last two or three days. But I find that it has been given second reading and referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee of the other House. That Bill may—

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Or may not.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That Bill may be reported back to the other House at the beginning of next week and reach us a few days later. If we have cleared our Order Paper, and if the Bill reaches us, we may be able to dispose of it in forty-eight hours. So honourable members will see there is some hope of prorogation by the end of next week. For this reason I suggest that we come back on Monday evening prepared to do a good week's work.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, May 29, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Monday, May 29, 1939.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE BANK BILL INVITATION FROM COMMITTEE OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable members, a letter has been received by the Clerk of the Senate as follows:

May 29, 1939.

L. Clare Moyer, Esq., K.C., Clerk of the Senate, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to invite the honourable members of the Senate to attend the sittings of the Committee in connection with the consideration of Bill No. 132, an Act to incorporate the Central Mortgage Bank.