

*Private Bills*

not raised it at the time I would have been precluded under our rules and practices from dealing with it later. The Deputy Speaker said that I could not raise it because we had reached the hour of five o'clock and that I would have to wait until Your Honour was in the chair. Therefore I am now raising it. We are put in the position where an hon. member has been attacked by no less a person than the Prime Minister, and I would simply say to the Prime Minister if Your Honour will permit, and this will bring the matter—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is proceeding to deal with the matter. It may be that there is an hiatus in the rules. The hon. member would be able to raise his question of privilege, I think, when the committee sat again. I am sorry, but I am not empowered to take under consideration or to bring before the consideration of the house matters which arise in committee unless the committee has reported them to me.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** The Prime Minister has been saved by a technicality.

**PRIVATE BILLS**

On the order:

House in committee on Bill S-9, an act to incorporate Brock Acceptance Company. (Without amendment).—Mr. Smith (Winnipeg North).

**Mr. Speaker:** As there are a number of private bills standing for consideration in committee of the whole, is it agreed that in accordance with section 1 of standing order 54 they be referred to committee of the whole on one motion?

**Mr. Winch:** Are you referring now to Bill No. S-9, Bill No. S-10 down to Bill No. S-12? If so, I should like them taken individually.

**Mr. Speaker:** The first five items. Does the hon. member wish them to be referred to the committee separately?

**Mr. Winch:** Bill No. S-9, Bill No. S-10, Bill No. S-14, Bill No. S-15 and Bill No. S-12.

**Mr. Speaker:** They would be considered separately in committee. What I suggested was that they be referred to the committee at one time so that the committee could deal with them one after another rather than reporting back after each bill. Is it agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**BROCK ACCEPTANCE COMPANY**

The house in committee on Bill No. S-9, to incorporate Brock Acceptance Company—Mr. Smith (Winnipeg North)—Mr. Martineau in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

**Mr. Winch:** Could we have an explanation from the sponsor of the bill?

**Mr. Smith (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Chairman, I have nothing further to add to the statement I made on second reading of the bill. It is a bill to incorporate a small loans company under part II of the Small Loans Act to be known as Brock Acceptance Company. The bill was referred to the standing committee and, as hon. members will note, was reported back to the house without amendment.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 2—*Provisional directors.*

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Chairman, on clause 2 I should like to propose an idea which I have mentioned previously to the hon. member for Winnipeg North, the sponsor of the bill. I have no knowledge yet of his reaction to the proposal I want to make. Clause 2 provides that the persons named in section 1 shall be the provisional directors of the company. When we were considering a bill respecting Aurora Pipe Line Company last year the committee started upon a course of action to provide that the directors should be Canadian citizens. Another bill passed earlier this session involving another pipe line company contains a similar principle. We agree with this principle and we think that parliament should give expression to it in the incorporation of companies through private bills. Perhaps the government will subsequently see its way clear to follow this practice with respect to companies incorporated under the Companies Act. Therefore I should like to move an amendment to clause 2.

That clause 2 be renumbered as subclause (1) and the following be added as a new subclause (2):

(2) All the directors of the company shall at all times be Canadian citizens ordinarily resident in Canada.

This is the wording, Mr. Chairman, that is contained in the act incorporating Aurora Pipe Line Company which was passed at the last session.

**Mr. Smith (Winnipeg North):** It was brought out in the banking and commerce committee and in the Senate committee that this is a family company being set up by the mother, father and their eldest son. There is in existence an acceptance company known as Brock Acceptance Company, and this bill would merely empower that company to make small loans under part II of the Small Loans Act. The history of small loan companies in Manitoba, as I am sure all hon. members are aware, is that they can be incorporated by special act of the provincial legislature or by