

Pension Act

The Deputy Chairman: I am sorry that I must indicate to the hon. member for Royal that if his subamendment, as I have it, is for the deletion of the whole of clause 2 of Bill No. 339,—

Mr. Brooks: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

The Deputy Chairman:—it is not an amendment or a subamendment, it is a straight negative of the whole proposition which will be before the committee when the amendment has been disposed of. The clause then must either be accepted or defeated. I might point out to the hon. gentleman that when and if the clause is defeated the purpose of his proposed subamendment would be achieved. The question before the committee at the moment is on the amendment moved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration with respect to clause 2 of Bill No. 339. I saw the hon. member for Acadia—

Mr. Green: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, may I say that this exact procedure was followed in the special committee. There the amendment was moved by the parliamentary assistant. It changes paragraph 11 of the clause. Then by way of subamendment I move that the whole clause be deleted. Surely that procedure is perfectly in order. We have an amendment and it was ruled to be in order by the chairman of the special committee on veterans affairs. You have brought in an amendment which changes the section. Then I move as a subamendment that the whole section be deleted. Surely there is nothing out of order in procedure of that kind. I submit that what was done in the special committee should now be followed in the committee of the whole.

The Deputy Chairman: With due respect to procedure which may have been adopted in the select committee, may I say that the hon. member has not convinced me that I was wrong in ruling that a direct negative is not an amendment. I would point out to this committee that whether the amendment that has been proposed by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration is accepted or is defeated, this committee eventually will still have to decide upon the question: Shall clause 2 be adopted? By voting "no", they will defeat clause 2, a result which is the purpose of the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Royal. I am therefore of the opinion that his amendment is not an amendment but is a direct negative and that being a direct negative should be ruled out of order.

Mr. Quelch: Mr. Chairman, I may say that we in this group are opposed to section 2. The amendment that has been moved does
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not make any change in the section in so far as our objection to it is concerned. Our objection is that the section provides for the setting of the salaries of the chairman of the commission and of the commissioners by the governor in council instead of by parliament. The salaries of the judges are set by parliament. The commission is a judicial body and we feel that their salaries should also be set by parliament in order that they may be directly responsible to parliament. Up to the present time no good reason has been given by the government for this change. All the opposition members in the special committee were opposed to this section. The Canadian Legion voiced strong objection to it. Unless the government can give some really good reason for the change, we feel that the section should be allowed to stand as it was in the Pension Act.

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman—

The Deputy Chairman: If the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra has any extensive remarks to make, I would suggest that we might now call it five o'clock and proceed with the consideration of private and public bills.

At five o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair.

PRIVATE BILL

CANADIAN SLOVAK LEAGUE

Mr. R. E. Reinke (Hamilton South) moved the second reading of Bill No. 472, to incorporate Canadian Slovak League.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING LAYING OF INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved the second reading of Bill No. 466, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (laying of information).

He said: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated when this bill was introduced and given first reading on May 28, its purpose is to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act to make it clear that a trade union or an individual, on the one hand, or an employer or an employers' organization, on the other hand, has the right to lay an information or complaint under the act. Those who may have familiarized themselves with this