

that is decided upon in the other place? If this is what my honourable friend wants, then it would be better to put an end to the bicameral system in Canada because we would then have relinquished all objectiveness if we were to adopt his suggestion. There was still another rather fallacious objection to the effect that we would summon costly witnesses. I objected. I do not think that there is any question of calling witnesses from outside because I am sure we have all the experts we need right here in Ottawa; they are available and can be summoned to give evidence and answer any important question that could be asked in this regard.

Now that I have said all that, and since I do not want to take any more of your time for fear that I be accused of filibustering, or trying to kill the bill, I shall resume my seat after having reiterated my recommendation to my colleagues that the motion be referred without delay to our Standing Committee on Transport and Communications which would certainly report to this house after careful consideration.

Before resuming my seat, I would like to repeat what I said to Senator Argue in private, that if he were not a member of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, I would do everything in my power to have him appointed on it.

I hope, and I repeat what I already said the other day, that he will give the committee a hard time, that he will fight as we are used to see him fight here in the Senate. I am sure that he will convince his colleagues of the significance of his motion.

[English]

The Hon. the Speaker: It is moved by the honourable Senator Argue, seconded by the honourable Senator Macdonald:

That this house opposes the Trans-Alaska pipeline and tanker project and urges the Government to proceed with the various economical and ecological feasibility studies of alternate routes and to report from time to time upon the most appropriate steps that in the Government's opinion may from time to time be taken to accomplish the prudent and efficient transportation of northern oil and gas.

In amendment it is moved by the honourable Senator Langlois, seconded by the honourable Senator Smith:

That the motion be not now adopted, but that the subject-matter thereof be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications for consideration.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the honourable Senator Langlois' amendment?

Some Hon. Senators: Yes.

Some Hon. Senators: No.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, as there is in my mind uncertainty as to agreement, I am going to ask those who are in favour of the motion in amendment to please say "yea."

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

The Hon. the Speaker: Those who are against the motion in amendment will please say "nay."

Some Hon. Senators: Nay.

The Hon. the Speaker: In my opinion, the "yeas" have it.

(And more than two honourable senators having risen.)

The Hon. the Speaker: Please call in the senators.

Motion in amendment of Hon. Mr. Langlois carried on the following division:

YEAS

Honourable Senators

Boucher	Isnor
Bourget	Kinnear
Bourque	Lafond
Carter	Laird
Casgrain	Lamontagne
Connolly (Ottawa West)	Langlois
Cook	Lefrançois
Denis	Martin
Desruisseaux	McDonald
Duggan	McElman
Eudes	McNamara
Fergusson	Robichaud
Fournier (De Lanaudière)	Smith—27.
Inman	

NAYS

Honourable Senators

Argue	Lang
Beaubien	Macdonald (Cape Breton)
Belisle	Méthot
Blois	Molson
Davey	O'Leary
Flynn	Quart
Grosart	Walker
Haig	White—16.

The Hon. the Speaker: I declare the amendment carried.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.