

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** Well, it is done! Question!

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** May I ask the honourable senator a question? I just entered the chamber in time to hear the concluding sentences of his remarks, in which he used the word "uninhibited" with reference to private enterprise corporations. Would he mind explaining what he means by "uninhibited"?

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** Uncontrolled by Government through its agency.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** That is different.

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** It is the same thing.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** "Uninhibited" suggests something else.

**Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt:** Honourable senators, may I be permitted to say a few words on the question of monopoly? While I am opposed to monopoly as a general principle, it sometimes happens that it is better to have a good monopoly than to have competition in a certain field. May I give an illustration?

I recall that some years ago in a certain part of Quebec we had two telephone systems, and companies, doctors, lawyers and so on were obliged to subscribe to the two systems. That demonstrates my point that in certain fields it is sometimes more costly to have competition than to have a monopoly.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill as amended was read the third time, and passed.

### PRIVATE BILLS

#### INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY— SECOND READING

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine** moved the second reading of Bill K, to incorporate Investors Trust Company.

He said: Honourable senators, I do not think it will take me more than a few minutes to explain Bill K, which is for the purpose of incorporating Investors Trust Company.

The application is made to Parliament by certain individuals from the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who are the heads of Investors Mutual of Canada Limited and Investors Syndicate of Canada Limited. The bill is in the usual form for a bill of this kind. I am informed that it has been approved by the Department of Insurance.

The capital stock in the trust company is to be \$3 million. The head office is to be located in Winnipeg; and the company will not be allowed to do business until \$1 million has been subscribed and at least that amount paid thereon.

I should perhaps say that Investors Mutual of Canada Limited was incorporated in the forties, under the Dominion Companies Act, and has carried on business since that time, subject to certain amendments to its charter. Its assets now exceed \$150 million; it is the largest investment fund in Canada.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** It is not a monopoly, is it?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** No, I do not think so; it is an investment organization.

Investors Syndicate of Canada Limited, which I mentioned, is a company which works with Investors Mutual Limited and is principally in charge of the investments of Investors Mutual Limited, also has large capital and extensive assets. They have invested many millions of dollars in national housing loans and have carried on business of an investment nature for many years. I should add that Investors Syndicate of Canada Limited is incorporated in the province of Manitoba under the Companies Act of that province, and is not a federal company.

The chief object of these two companies in desiring to form a trust company is that they may be enabled to offer and fully administer a corporate pension plan for any employer who wishes to set up a plan of that kind. This is operated by way of a money purchase scheme, with the money being made available and on hand at the retirement date. A recent amendment to the Income Tax Act allows self-employed persons to provide for their own retirement income. It will be one of the functions of this trust company, if it is incorporated, to carry on that kind of business.

Moreover, incorporation of the trust company would facilitate the business of the two companies I have mentioned. It is not intended to engage in ordinary trust company business at present, but of course that power is included in the Trust Companies Act, under which corporations of this kind are formed.

That is all the information I have in this connection, honourable senators. If the bill is read a second time today I would like to have it referred to committee for further study, and as Mr. Cooper, one of the head men of the company, has been here for some time, I would also move that Rule 119 be suspended in so far as this bill is concerned.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I move, honourable senators, that this bill be now referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and