

April 10.

Enters 37th Hour Continuous Session At 3 This Morning

Nixon Outmanoeuvres Blockading Tories in 27th Hour by Moving the Question Be Now Put to Legislature — Second Reading Accorded, 42 to 15

THEN BUDGET DEBATE CONCLUDED AFTER SHORTEST TALK IN HISTORY

PREMIER HEPBURN'S bill cancelling the Quebec contracts was given its second reading in the Ontario Legislature at 5.30 o'clock last evening, but sleepy members sat on for hours past midnight.

The power bill's passage ended, in a decisive Government coup, the longest continuous debate of Ontario House history—26½ hours of discussion without recess on the proposed cancellation of the Quebec power deals.

ANOTHER "ALL-NIGHT" SESSION.

Then, to the astonishment of the physically exhausted House membership, Premier Hepburn started another "all-night sitting." Monday's session was officially ended at 8 p.m., Tuesday night, with Prayers inaugurating the Tuesday sitting, which, at 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, is still proceeding.

"You asked for action and you are going to get it," the Premier had laconically commented earlier in the day, and into more "action" the House leaped.

In three hours the Budget had been carried; on into another debate and the Attorney-General's Industrial Standards Bill was passed through second reading; miscellaneous matters were taken up.

BILL IN COMMITTEE.

At 12.30 a Legislature too tired to be very much more amazed, was called into Committee of the Whole to consider the vexed power bill—the cause of the "blockade" which had been staged on second reading. In two divisions Premier Hepburn asserted the correctness of his procedure, and the prospects were for continued session until 6 a.m.

To Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, and Government Leader at the moment, goes the credit for spiking the Conservative filibuster which had already kept the House sitting since Monday afternoon, and which the Opposition threatened to continue for another twenty-four hours.

Beating to his feet the Conservative Whip, J. F. Hill (Hastings East), who was to have moved a five-months hoist for the bill, Mr. Nixon moved that the original question be put to a vote, and the bill thereupon received second reading by a vote of 42 to 15.



H. C. NIXON.

Budget Approved

THE Ontario Government carried its Budget resolution after only two days of debate, in a division late last night.

The Administration won the second formal vote of the session by a 45-15 recording. U.F.O. and C.C.F. representatives were absent from the House.

In accordance with the wording of the motion the House immediately moved into Committee of Supply, passed one vote, and rose to resume Legislature business.

Conclusion of the two-day Budget debate with four Conservative speeches yesterday evening set another record, this time for brevity.

Division was on a Conservative amendment sponsored by Hon. Leopold Macaulay. The Henry Government Minister moved that "this House condemns the Government for its failure to carry out its pre-election pledges to reduce taxation and find work for the unemployed." The amendment was lost and the motion to go into supply carried on the same division.

Shortly before midnight last night discussion was initiated on the second reading of the Industrial Standards Bill, a measure introduced by Attorney-General A. W. Roebuck, and designed to enforce wages and hours of labor, provided employers and employees agree on a schedule.

The bill, according to Wilfrid Heighington (Conservative, St. David), would serve no useful purpose. He asked that it be withdrawn.

The suggestion was not taken seriously, however, as shortly after second reading was given without discussion.

Second reading was also given to a bill providing that the T. & N.O. Railway management be under one Commissioner, instead of three as at present, and that the salary shall not exceed \$9,000 for the Commissioner.

Premier Takes Nap.

At the moments when the Tories—in the words of one of their number—"fumbled the ball," and were "out-smarted" by the Government, Premier Mitchell Hepburn was snatching his first few hours' sleep in about fourteen hours.

There was a glint of happiness in the eye of the Provincial Secretary when the bill was given its second reading at 5.30. It marked an abrupt end of the first Ontario Legislature "blockade" in twelve years. As it was, the ten Conservative speakers consumed a total of twenty-one hours of the twenty-six and one-half consecutive hours.

Unexpectedly about 5.15 yesterday afternoon, Wilfrid Heighington (Conservative, St. Andrew's, who took up the thread-worn Hydro contract debate, moved an amendment to the motion for second reading which asked that the bill be given a six months' hoist.

A. H. Acres (Conservative, Carlton) rose half-way in his seat, apparently to speak to the amendment and thus open the way for the Opposition to double the length of the debate.



A. H. Acres

Mr. Acres hesitated and sat down. Immediately Speaker N.

O. Hipel called for a vote on the