

respecting the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited, has examined the said bill and has directed me to report the same to the Senate without amendment.

#### THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Jean-Maurice Simard,** with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(b), moved that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 2 p.m. the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

#### ROYAL ASSENT

##### NOTICE

**The Hon. the Speaker,** informed the Senate that he had received the following communication:

#### RIDEAU HALL

17 December 1987

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 17th day of December, 1987, at 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Yours sincerely,  
Anthony P. Smyth

Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate

Ottawa

#### INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION

##### THIRTY-SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE TABLED

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, I have the honour to table the thirty-second report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration dealing with the Senate estimates for the fiscal year 1988-89. The estimates are attached in duplicate in both English and French.

[Senator Bétyse.]

**The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*:** Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Frith, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

#### QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

Leave having been given to revert to Question Period:

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### COMMITTEE STUDY OF CONCERNS OF MILITARY FAMILIES— STATUS OF REPORT AND NATURE OF RECOMMENDATIONS— REQUEST FOR ANSWER

**Hon. Lorna Marsden:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government concerning whether the Minister of National Defence is planning to bring to Parliament the report on military families, which he has had in his hands since September.

I had asked whether it would be available before the end of the year. The fact that there is no answer in itself answers my question, namely, that it will not be available for the beginning of next year. I wonder whether the Leader of the Government will then take my question as going forward into the next year; in other words, how soon in 1988 will we get this report, and will it be brought to this chamber?

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Honourable senators, I will take my honourable friend's question as a representation and I will convey it to my colleague, the Honourable Perrin Beatty.

#### MIDDLE EAST

##### GAZA STRIP—RECENT INCIDENTS—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, may I ask the Leader of the Government whether the federal government has made any representations to the Government of Israel with respect to the recent incidents which have occurred on the Gaza Strip, and whether the Canadian government has urged the Israeli authorities to exercise restraint in the situation?

● (1410)

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Honourable senators, the answer to that question is yes, it has been done.

#### DELAYED ANSWERS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, earlier today Senator Argue