

THE SENATE

Tuesday, October 29, 1957

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

SENATE ACCOUNTS

TABLED—REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that, in conformity with Rule 103, the Clerk has laid on the Table the accounts and vouchers of the Senate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1957.

Ordered: That the said accounts and vouchers be referred to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts of the Senate.

DIVORCE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 2 to 11, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

The motion was agreed to.

CANADIAN VESSEL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. John T. Haig presented Bill I, to amend the Canadian Vessel Construction Assistance Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Haig: Thursday next.

ALBERTA—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES BOUNDARY BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Haig presented Bill J, respecting the boundary between the province of Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Haig: Thursday next.

PRIVATE BILL

INVESTORS TRUST COMPANY—FIRST READING

Hon. W. M. Aseltine presented Bill K, to incorporate Investors Trust Company.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill receive second reading?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Thursday next.

TERRITORIAL LANDS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Haig presented Bill L, to amend the Territorial Lands Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill receive second reading?

Hon. Mr. Haig: Thursday next.

LAND USE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT INQUIRY

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald), the motion standing in my name on the Order Paper.

A committee to study land use was appointed last year, and began its work. I have proposed one or two changes of membership so as to include some of our new colleagues; otherwise the personnel remains the same. I believe that the project of setting up a committee of the Senate to deal with this subject was one of the most useful suggestions of the immediate past Prime Minister, and I very heartily support it.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, as the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) has indicated, the motion to appoint a committee on land use was introduced last session by me in my then capacity of Leader of the Government in the Senate. Instead of making a speech at this time I would suggest that honourable senators read the one I made last session on this motion. I stand by everything I said then. May I just suggest to the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Haig) that we substitute the name of the Honourable Senator Wall for that of the Honourable Senator Tremblay on the list of senators to serve on this committee. If we do this now it will save the need of putting in a new motion later on.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I am agreeable. I therefore move, seconded by the honourable the Leader of the Opposition:

1. That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report on land use in Canada and what should be done to ensure that our land resources are most effectively utilized for the benefit of the Canadian economy and the Canadian people and, in particular, to increase both agricultural production and the incomes of those engaged in it;