

THE SENATE

Wednesday, May 5, 1965

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Statement concerning Refunds under The Refunds (Natural Resources) Act, for the period February 19, 1964 to April 5, 1965, pursuant to section 3 of the said Act, chapter 35, Statutes of Canada, 1932. Nil return. (English and French texts).

List of Apportionments and Adjustments of Seed Grain, Fodder for Animals and Other Relief Indebtedness, for the period February 19, 1964 to April 5, 1965, pursuant to section 2 of An Act respecting Certain Debts due the Crown, chapter 51, Statutes of Canada, 1926-27. Nil return. (English and French texts).

Report of the number and amount of Loans to Immigrants made under section 69(1) of the Immigration Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1965, pursuant to section 69(6) of the said Act, chapter 325, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

Report of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1964, pursuant to section 7 of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Act, chapter 67, R.S.C. 1952. (English and French texts).

PRIVATE BILL

INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE COMPANY—
FIRST READING

Hon. Hartland de M. Molson presented Bill S-7, respecting Interprovincial Pipe Line Company.

Bill read first time.

Hon. Mr. Molson moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE
CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor

General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Hon. Mr. Aird, for an address in reply thereto.

Hon. Malcolm Hollett: Honourable senators, it is not my intention to delay the proceedings of this honourable house to any great extent. The matter upon which I am to speak has been so thoroughly discussed outside of this house and in the other place that it is difficult to find a subject to talk about.

First, let me congratulate the honourable Senator Bourque and the honourable Senator Aird for the masterly way in which they moved and seconded the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

I well remember, back in January, 1962, when I followed the honourable Senator Méthot in the capacity of seconder of the motion for an address in reply, as did Senator Aird on this occasion. I can tell you I felt like a 12-year-old, I was so nervous. I do not think the honourable senators who moved and seconded this motion felt nearly as nervous as I did on that earlier occasion. After listening yesterday to the splendid addresses of Senator Choquette and the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West), with all the facts and figures they presented, I must say there remains very little for an ordinary senator, as some of us are—and we have been described differently by some people in the other place—to say.

I have read the Speech from the Throne very carefully and, to be honest, apart from a half dozen or a dozen new items, it is practically the same as the Speech from the Throne of 1964 and 1963. There is one addition, of course, which would appear to be important to some people but which is not so important after all. It is the 10 per cent cut in income tax. As you and I know, this will not benefit to any great extent, or to the extent we would desire, the vast majority of income taxpayers of this country. Someone mentioned yesterday that two-thirds of our people will benefit to a very small extent, and that the cut will afford only a fair benefit to people who are drawing larger salaries. I am sure there is no need for me to say anything further on that, because it has been thoroughly discussed all across Canada and in the other place, and I expect it will be further aired here.

I said with regard to the Speech from the Throne of this year, and that of 1964 and 1963 that many of the same items appeared in