

**Senator Buckwold:** So the federal government would be getting a fair share of its money back through income tax.

**Senator McDonald:** I suppose that would depend on the individual farmer and his tax bracket. But, payments out of the fund are certainly taxable, in just the same way that contributions to the fund are deductible in the year they are made.

On motion of Senator Yuzyk, debate adjourned.

## PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF SENATORS

### MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE—DEBATE CONTINUED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Langlois:

That a special committee of the Senate be appointed to examine and report upon the privileges and immunities that apply to members of the Senate within the precincts of the Senate, and the powers of the Speaker in respect thereof.—(*Honourable Senator Croll*).

**Senator Croll:** Honourable senators, when I last spoke to this motion, which did not originate with me, I said that I thought it would be inappropriate to proceed with it. Despite the fact that it is an important motion, I still think it is inappropriate to proceed with it. Nevertheless, I will yield to any member of the Senate who wishes to speak at this time.

**Senator Flynn:** In that case let the question be put.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, do you wish the question put?

**Senator Flynn:** If Senator Croll does not intend to speak to the motion, and if no one else wishes to speak, then let the question be put.

**Senator Croll:** I believe Senator Rowe intimated earlier today that he wished to proceed with this matter.

**Senator Flynn:** Are you then asking that the order stand in the name of Senator Rowe?

**Senator Croll:** No. I said I would let it stand in my name.

**Senator Flynn:** But apparently you have nothing else to say on the matter.

**Senator Croll:** But someone else may have.

**Senator Flynn:** If someone else has something to say, then let him adjourn the debate.

**Senator Croll:** I wish to adjourn this debate at this time on the understanding that it is open for any honourable senator to continue.

**Senator Flynn:** Very good. Is there anyone else?

**Senator Croll:** There may be.

**Senator Flynn:** If we do not know, then the question should be put.

**Senator Croll:** There may be tomorrow.

[Senator McDonald.]

**Senator Langlois:** It is quite possible that some senators who are not present at this moment may wish to speak to this motion tomorrow.

**Senator Flynn:** Then let the Whip on the other side adjourn the debate, but if no one else wants to speak, then the question should be put.

**Senator Petten:** Honourable senators, I move the adjournment of the debate.

**Senator Flynn:** Will that be an advancement of the situation in any way?

On motion of Senator Petten, debate adjourned.

## NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

### TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK— DEBATE CONCLUDED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, December 4, 1975, the debate on the inquiry of Senator McDonald calling the attention of the Senate to the Twenty-first Annual Session of the North Atlantic Assembly, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 21st to 26th September, 1975, and in particular to the discussions and proceedings of the Session and the participation therein of the delegation from Canada.

**Hon. Paul C. Lafond:** Honourable senators, owing to the long lapse of time, the question of the Twenty-first Annual Session of the North Atlantic Assembly would seem a trifle stale. For that reason, I intend to suggest, if no one else wishes to speak on the subject, that it be dropped from the Order Paper. Before doing that, however, I should like to make just a few observations.

First of all, I should like to congratulate, for their useful, interesting and informative contributions to this debate, my colleagues who attended that Session—Senator A. H. McDonald and Senator Paul Yuzyk. I could pick up again a number of arguments I made last year, but I do not think it is necessary to do so at this time.

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Senator McDonald's intervention touched on our contribution to NATO defence. Of course, we must keep in mind at all times that NATO was brought into being to accomplish some of the things that the United Nations at that time could not accomplish, and possibly cannot accomplish even now. Since the inception of NATO it has been thought—and this was brought forward by Canada—that probably much more should be done in the field of political and economic cooperation. Of course, with the accession to the European Economic Community of a few more NATO countries, the majority of the members of that organization feel, and perhaps rightly so, that their contribution to greater political and economic stability in this world can be accomplished more effectively through the European Economic Community than through NATO. So, for the next little while, at least, we will probably have to give more attention to the defence aspects of that organization. I would like to come back to that in a moment, if I may.

I am grateful to Senator Yuzyk for putting on record the full text of the recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Assembly. I particularly want to direct the attention of honourable senators to that part of the resolutions and recommendations emanating from the Scientific Com-