

provide for the making of supplementary fiscal equalization payments to certain provinces for the period April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1987", in advance of the said Bill coming before the Senate, or any matter relating thereto.—(*Honourable Senator Frith.*)

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, I support this motion.  
Motion agreed to.

### OLD AGE SECURITY

SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-26

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Doody, seconded by the Honourable Senator Phillips:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology be authorized to examine and consider the subject-matter of the Bill C-26, intituled: "An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act", in advance of the said Bill coming before the Senate, or any matter relating thereto.—(*Honourable Senator Frith.*)

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Likewise, honourable senators, I support the motion.  
Motion agreed to.

### AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE  
AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-25

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Doody, seconded by the Honourable Senator Phillips:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry be authorized to examine and consider the subject-matter of the Bill C-25, intituled: "An Act to amend the Agricultural Stabilization Act", in advance of the said Bill coming before the Senate, or any matter relating thereto.—(*Honourable Senator Frith.*)

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Ditto, honourable senators. Again, I support the motion.  
Motion agreed to.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE SUBJECT MATTER OF  
BILLS C-27, C-41, C-44, C-24, AND C-36

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, I am wondering whether it would be in order for me to suggest that Orders Nos. 7 through 11, all standing in my name, be dealt with en bloc. We support all of those motions for pre-study, and I am wondering whether the record can simply show that there is that support, thereby eliminating the necessity of going through them individually.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Frith:** Perhaps His Honour could put the question in respect of those motions en bloc.

**Hon. Charles McElman:** Honourable senators, perhaps I could make an observation to the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate before the Speaker proceeds to follow that suggestion.

In the light of the subject matters of these bills, I would ask the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate to take into account the consideration that the Rules Committee recently gave to the need to advise the provinces in respect of bills that might affect them directly. In that regard, the committee adopted a new procedure, that being that the provinces shall be so advised. While it is not in our rules, it is a practice that we have accepted in principle.

Certainly the government of my province would be interested in at least considering whether or not it might want to make representations in respect of at least two of these bills.

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** I have absolutely no hesitation in agreeing to do that. I shall have the appropriate notice sent to the committee chairmen. I have no doubt that this is something that they would be doing of their own accord in any event. I shall certainly get a notice out to them reminding them of the recent adoption of that practice.

**Senator Frith:** Perhaps the Speaker could simply ask whether Orders 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall carry.

**The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore:** Is it agreed, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Motions agreed to.

● (1600)

### THE ESTIMATES, 1985-86

CONSIDERATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF NATIONAL FINANCE  
COMMITTEE—DEBATE CONTINUED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the consideration of the Fifth Report of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance (Main Estimates 1985-86), presented in the Senate on 30th May, 1985.—(*Honourable Senator Doody.*)

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Stand.

**Hon. Ann Elizabeth Bell:** Honourable senators, would it be in order for me to say a few words on this order?

**Senator Doody:** By all means.

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Bell:** Honourable senators, I want to congratulate the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance for having dealt with this topic of the federal financing of post-