

THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 10, 1958

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

Prayers.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE—COMMONS MEMBERS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following message had been received from the House of Commons:

Resolved,—That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours that this house has appointed Miss Aitken, Messrs. Argue, Best, Bourbonnais, Bourque, Brunson, Campeau, Dorion, Eudes, Fairfield, Fisher, Fleming (Okanagan-Revelstoke), Forbes, Frechette, Grenier, Hanbidge, Houck, Kindt, Knowles, LaRue, Lennard, Lessard, Macquarrie, Martineau, Matthews, McFarlane, McGee, McIlraith, Muir (Lisgar), Nixon, Pigeon, Racine, Ratelle, Richard (Ottawa East), Simpson, Skoreyko, Small, Smith (Lincoln), Smith (Winnipeg North), Southam, Stinson, Tremblay, Tucker and Van Horne, a Committee to assist His Honour the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of the House of Commons are concerned, and to act on behalf of this house as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

Ordered, that the message do lie on the Table.

RESTAURANT OF PARLIAMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE—COMMONS MEMBERS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following message had been received from the House of Commons:

Resolved,—That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours that this house has appointed Messrs. Bourque, Caron, Carter, Deschatelets, Godin, Gour, Halpenny, Knowles, Lafrenière, Legere, Létourneau, Martin (Timmins), McDonald (Hamilton South), McGregor, McQuillan, Muir (Lisgar), Parizeau, Pratt, Smith (Calgary South), Stearns, Stinson, Taylor, Weichel and Wratten, a Committee to assist His Honour the Speaker in the direction of the Parliamentary Restaurant so far as the interests of the House of Commons are concerned, and to act on behalf of this house as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Restaurant.

Ordered, that the message do lie on the Table.

PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE—COMMONS MEMBERS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following message had been received from the House of Commons:

Resolved,—That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours that this house will unite with them in the formation of a Joint Committee

of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament, and that the following members: Messrs. Allard, Asselin, Badanal, Barrington, Batten, Belzile, Bissonnette, Boivin, Bourdages, Bourque, Brunson, Cadieu, Campeau, Clancy, Cooper, Creaghan, Deschambault, Dubois, Dupuis, English, Fane, Flynn, Gillet, Godin, Graftey, Gundlock, Henderson, Howard, Jorgenson, Korchinski, Lahaye, Lessard, Létourneau, Loiselle, MacInnis, MacLellan, Martin (Timmins), Martini, McLennan, McWilliam, Michaud, Morissette, O'Leary, Phillips, Rapp, Ratelle, Rouleau, Rynard, Skoreyko, Southam, Taylor, Thrasher, Winkler and Yacula will act as members on the part of this house on the said Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament.

Ordered, that the message do lie on the Table.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 82 to 126, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, I have been rather perturbed by an item which appeared in the press during the weekend about the destruction of departmental files. I would ask the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) to kindly table all orders in council concerning the burning of 90 per cent of the papers that belonged to the various departments. I ask this in a friendly manner and tomorrow I may make a formal motion. This is a notice of inquiry. I hope that the Government will not follow the example of Omar, the caliph who destroyed and burned the library of Alexandria because it contained many books that were contrary to the Moslem faith.

LAND USE

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT INQUIRY

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next I will move:

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;

That the committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Barbour, Basha, Boucher, Bois, Bradette, Cameron, Crerar, Emerson, Gladstone,