

On motion of Senator Carney, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

• (1430)

## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. William J. Petten (Acting Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, and notwithstanding rule 59(1)(h), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 30, 1994 at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

**The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Senator Petten:** Before the motion is put, I should state for the Senate what our plan is for this week.

Bill C-38 will get third reading today. Senator Kelly will proceed with the debate, and, if no one else wishes to speak, I will close the debate. Bill C-48 has arrived from the other place and we will be dealing with that today. Bill C-55 should arrive today, and we will deal with it, I hope, on Thursday next. We hope to get Bill C-57, to implement the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by Thursday of this week. Committees will meet today and tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion agreed to.

## YUKON SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD BILL

### FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-55, to establish a board having jurisdiction concerning disputes respecting surface rights in respect of land in the Yukon Territory and to amend other acts in relation thereto.

Bill read first time.

**The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore:** When shall this bill be read the second time?

On motion of Senator Petten, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading Thursday next, December 1, 1994.

## STATE OF CANADIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO EXTEND DATE OF PRESENTATION OF FINAL REPORT OF STUDY

**Hon. Michael J. Kirby:** Honourable senators, I give notice that on Wednesday next, November 30, 1994, I will move:

That, notwithstanding the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 24, 1994, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce be authorized to present its final report on the present state of the financial system in Canada in the wake of the major legislative and regulatory reform which took place two years ago, no later than December 21, 1995.

## THE SENATE

### ABSENCE OF APPROVAL FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

**Hon. Richard J. Doyle:** Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, December 1, 1994, I will call the attention of the Senate to the absence of Senate approval for various projects in the purview of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets, and Administration.

[Translation]

## QUESTION PERIOD

### SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### TAX CREDITS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. Roch Bolduc:** Honourable senators, my question is directed to the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

In his annual report, the Auditor General mentioned that government spending on science and technology must be focussed on areas with the greatest need, opportunity and potential pay-back, and he went on to say:

Parliamentarians have no basis on which to assess whether the government's expenditures on science and technology reflect Canadian needs and opportunities, and to hold the government accountable for results.

Most research organizations we examined still need to set clear goals for their activities and foccus more on results.

We know that this expenditure is partly funded through tax deductions. Does the Department of Finance intend to exercise more complete and systematic control over tax incentives for research and development?

I ask this question because more than \$5 billion are involved, as you know.

[English]

**Hon. Joyce Fairbairn (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I thank my colleague for his question. I must forward it to the minister in order to receive a full answer for him.

## THE BUDGET

### REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES

**Hon. Duncan J. Jessiman:** Honourable senators, I address my question to the Leader of the Government in the Senate.