

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 11, 1952

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

**Hon. J. A. McDonald** presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

He said: Honourable senators, perhaps if the house wishes to hear the names of the senators nominated to the various committees it will be satisfied to have the Clerk read the report. As honourable senators know, the number of members that may be appointed to any standing committee is limited by the Senate rules. Last year the membership of the Standing Committees on Transport and Communications, External Relations, and Finance was limited to seventeen members each. Your committee was aware that there had been some criticism of this reduction, and I have been directed to suggest that any honourable senator who favours an increase in the membership of these committees will be given ample opportunity either tonight or tomorrow to express his views.

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant.*

(See Appendix at end of today's report.)

**The Hon. the Speaker:** When shall this report be taken into consideration?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I suggest that consideration of the report be postponed until tomorrow, when it will appear in the records of the house and honourable senators will have had an opportunity to study it.

## EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS BILL

## FIRST READING

**Hon. Mr. Robertson** presented Bill C, an Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act.

The bill was read the first time.

## CANADIAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

## FELICITATIONS TO COMPETITORS

On the Orders of the Day:

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable members, before the Orders of the Day are called I wish, first, to apologize for not having been present at the opening of the session, and second, to offer my congratulations to the young men of Canada who represented their respective provinces last week in Winnipeg in the competition for the Canadian Curling Championship.

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** Young?

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Most of them were under forty, and many were under thirty-five—and throughout my twenty-three years attendance at this competition I have never seen a finer body of young men or group more creditable to the great game of curling. I offer my congratulations to the respective curling organizations who sent representatives to this competition. These young men were, as I say, a credit to their country both on and off the ice.

**Hon. Mr. Burchill:** Who won?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

## DEBATE POSTPONED

On the Order:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Howden, seconded by the Honourable Senator Gouin, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Honourable senators, I would ask that this order stand until tomorrow.

The order stands.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.