

In the interval, the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has presented to the Senate its report on the topic of peacekeeping, a report prepared by a sub-committee of the Foreign Affairs committee. I do not want to say anything specifically about the Somalia situation because, frankly, it is a situation on which I know nothing more than what I read in the newspapers.

What I suggest is that at some convenient time either Senator Murray or one of his colleagues update us on the situation in Somalia. Perhaps that update could deal with questions such as the following:

What progress has been made by the multinational effort to establish the secure environment which was sought? When is it anticipated that the secure environment will have been achieved? What progress is being made to provide humanitarian relief to the people of Somalia?

If that kind of information could be provided to the Senate, it would help to flesh out some of the points and recommendations made by the Foreign Affairs committee in its report on peacekeeping. I am not pressing for that information this week. However, at some time within the next few weeks it would be useful for the Senate to have such an update on what Senator Murray has told us already.

The Hon. the Speaker: If no other senator wishes to speak, this inquiry is considered debated.

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, since I spoke first, I am not sure I can take the adjournment on this matter. However, we will take the adjournment on this side if there is still some time remaining. I would undertake, either personally or through one of my colleagues, to bring in the information that the Honourable Senator Stewart is seeking.

On motion of Senator Murray, debate adjourned.

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PRIVILEGES, STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD REPORT OF COMMITTEE—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders.

Hon. Normand Grimard: Honourable senators, I move the adoption of this third report.

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, will Senator Grimard speak or not? If not, I will adjourn the debate.

Senator Grimard: Senator Molgat, I would add that if you wish to speak, I must be away from the Senate tomorrow afternoon between 3 and 4:15, since I must replace Senator Robertson for the reasons you know. If I am not here, I would appreciate your adjourning the debate until I come back.

Senator Molgat: I will not speak tomorrow because the sitting will be very short. We will meet at 1:30 and hope to adjourn at three o'clock. I will speak on Thursday or next week.

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): Is it possible that Senator Robertson will wish to speak?

Senator Grimard: Senator Robertson will surely speak on it if she is here.

On motion of Senator Molgat, debate adjourned.

CONSIDERATION OF FOURTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders.

Hon. Normand Grimard: Am I to understand that it is the same procedure?

On motion of Senator Molgat, debate adjourned.

MEETING NEW CHALLENGES: CANADA'S RESPONSE TO A NEW GENERATION OF PEACEKEEPING

REPORT OF STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the consideration of the Eleventh Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs (peacekeeping), tabled in the Senate on 25th February, 1993. — (*Honourable Senator Corbin*).

Hon. Eymard Corbin: Honourable senators, I do not intend to take the floor either today or tomorrow, but I know at least one of my colleagues would like to speak on this report later this week. I will gladly yield to Senator Hastings who is anxious to discuss the report later this week. I have already given him permission to do so, but I reserve the right to speak later on.

On motion of Senator Corbin, order stands.