

of them involve rather large sums of money. For example, the book store in Montreal takes up 8,276 feet, and it is leased at a rate of \$25 per square foot. Attached to it is an enquiry centre taking up 2,726 square feet, which is leased at the rate of \$8.10 per square foot. The total rental for the book store and inquiry centre on a 10-year lease is \$229,223 per annum. In addition, Information Canada was required, perhaps through the Department of Public Works, to spend \$250,000 for occupancy alteration costs.

The Montreal figures are those of the largest magnitude, but the other figures are also fairly large. We asked Treasury Board by what means are these items policed. The Montreal lease involves a total outlay of better than \$2,500,000 over the 10-year period.

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We are not arguing that Information Canada should not be in existence; we are not arguing that the book stores are not doing a good job; we are not arguing that the enquiry centres are not effective in the job that they are doing. What we have to say concerning those matters will come out in the supplement to our report. Your committee is concerned that it should know the basis on which leases are approved and how carefully they are policed. We have not as yet received an answer to that inquiry from Treasury Board. It will, undoubtedly, be forthcoming, and it may be perfectly satisfactory. However, if it is not, it may be a matter which your committee should pursue further.

On motion of Senator Flynn, debate adjourned.

REPORT PRINTED AS APPENDIX TO DEBATES OF THE
SENATE AND MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Mr. Everett: Honourable senators, I would ask that this report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and the *Minutes of Proceedings of the Senate* of this day, and form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

For text of report see Appendix "B", pp. 761-763.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Leopold Langlois, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), moved:

That the name of the Honourable Senator Davey be substituted for that of the Honourable Senator Burchill on the list of senators serving on the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Leopold Langlois: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 26, 1973, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

[Hon. Mr. Everett.]

Honourable senators, before the motion is put, I think I owe it to the Senate to give an outline of the schedule of work which is expected for next week. We will be proceeding with the second reading of the Aircraft Registry Bill, which has just been introduced by Senator Martin. I am informed that the main supply bill should reach the Senate on Wednesday next and we will, of course, deal with any other bills which come to us from the other place. In addition, the Honourable Senator Fergusson will call the attention of the Senate to the visit to Hungary in April last of a group of Canadian parliamentarians, and, also on Wednesday next, Senator van Roggen will call to the attention of the Senate an urgent constitutional matter.

Hon. Mr. Benidickson: What is it?

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Senator van Roggen can explain it; I do not think that is up to me.

Again on Wednesday, and on Thursday, the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee will meet to consider its study of direct foreign investment in Canada, and also its examination of bills based on the budget resolutions relating to income tax. On Wednesday and Thursday the Foreign Affairs Committee will again meet to study its report on the expanded European communities. On Thursday the National Finance Committee will hold another meeting with respect to its examination of Information Canada, arising out of its examination of the 1973-74 estimates.

It follows from what I have just said that the Senate will be in full session next Wednesday.

Motion agreed to.

PUBLIC BILLS

SUSPENSION OF RULES 44, 45 AND 78—NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Leopold Langlois: Honourable senators, I wish to give notice that on Tuesday next, June 26, 1973, I will move that until the Senate adjourns for the summer recess, rules 44, 45 and 78 be suspended in so far as they relate to public bills.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Have you any target date?

Hon. Mr. Langlois: No, I have no target date. This is merely a precaution, since next week, as I have already announced, probably on Wednesday, although it could be later, we will be receiving the main estimates from the other place. We have voted supply up to June 30, and we might need this suspension of the rules in order to be able to pass this bill before the end of the month. That is the sole purpose of this motion. I hope we will not need the motion.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: We do not need it as a rule.

CRIMINAL CODE AND NATIONAL DEFENCE ACT
(TOTAL ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT)

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—DEBATE
ADJOURNED

Hon. John M. Macdonald moved the second reading of Bill S-8, to amend the Criminal Code and the National Defence Act (total abolition of capital punishment).