

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., laid on the Table the following:—

Copies of a Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs (Mr. Gerald Le Dain, Chairman) entitled "Cannabis".

The Honourable Senator Grosart called the attention of the Senate to the Third Parliamentary and Scientific Conference of the Council of Europe held at Lausanne, Switzerland, in April, 1972.

Debated.

Ordered, That the Report to the Senate of Canada on the Third Parliamentary and Scientific Conference held at Lausanne, Switzerland in April, 1972, by the Honourable Senator Grosart, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Special Committee of the Senate on Science Policy, be printed as an Appendix to the Debates of the Senate of this day.

The Order of the Day being read,

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator Smith resumed the debate on the inquiry of the Honourable Senator Welch calling the attention of the Senate to the high rate of unemployment and inflation and the way in which they presently affect the economy of Canada.

After debate,

The Honourable Senator O'Leary moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Grosart, that further debate on the inquiry be adjourned until the next sitting of the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate resumed the debate on the inquiry of the Honourable Senator Cameron calling the attention of the Senate to the recent trade and goodwill mission of a group of Canadian Senators and businessmen to the People's Republic of China.

Debated.

The Order of the Day being called for the second reading of the Bill C-2, intituled: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to the Criminal Code 1967 Amendment Act, the Criminal Records Act, the National Defence Act, the Parole Act and the Visiting Forces Act",

It was—

Ordered, That it be postponed until later this day.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-207, intituled: "An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator McDonald, that the Bill be read the second time now.

After debate,

It being six o'clock, the Honourable the Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at eight o'clock.

8.00 p.m.

The Senate resumed the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator McDonald, for the second reading of the Bill C-207, intituled: "An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act".

After further debate, and—

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

The Bill was then read the second time.

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator McDonald, that the Bill be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science.

After debate, and—

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-208, intituled: "An Act to amend the Pension Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act, the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act and the Department of Veterans Affairs Act to provide for the annual adjustment of pensions and allowances payable thereunder", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator Langlois moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Carter, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

After debate, and—

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being again called for the second reading of the Bill C-2, intituled: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amend-