

However, since I and other honourable senators share the views of Senator Godfrey, I shall be pleased to communicate our feelings about that presentation to the President of the CBC.

Senator Marshall: I think it worthwhile pointing out that even before the Minister of Finance started his budget, all the highlights were given at 8 o'clock by the CBC.

Senator Murray: What, in the opinion of the CBC, were the highlights.

Senator Marshall: I would not hesitate for one moment to support both the deputy leader and Senator Godfrey.

Senator Frith: As Senator Murray has just said, it covered what, in the opinion of the CBC, were the highlights.

THE CONSTITUTION DEBATE

REPRESENTATIONS BY CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer to a question asked by Senator Smith on October 30, 1980, concerning representations by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

The government has not responded to representations made by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association as it was felt that it would be more appropriate that these representations be made to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PURPOSE OF MINISTER'S VISIT TO UNITED KINGDOM

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer to a question asked by Senator Asselin on November 6, 1980, regarding the visit of the Secretary of State for External Affairs to London on November 10.

The minister's reason for this visit was basically to pass through London en route from Vienna to the current Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in Madrid, and meet with Sir Sonny Ramphal of the Commonwealth Secretariat on North-South questions following the Vienna meeting. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, however, also met with three British ministers and the Constitution was discussed.

It is my understanding that the main discussion concerned the question of parliamentary timetables. These talks took place within a context of implied understanding on the part of both governments that the federal government alone speaks for Canada concerning the Canadian Constitution.

TRANSPORT

WESTERN CANADA—GRAIN HAULING SUBSIDIES

Hon. Hazen Argue (Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer

to a question asked by Senator Bielish last Thursday, namely, whether the government is likely to provide transportation costs for the trucking of grain at an off-line elevator should it be built at Valleyview, Alberta.

On this very important question that Senator Bielish has asked, the Hall Commission, reviewing the situation in that area some years ago, recommended that a rail line be built. Since that time, as a result of a study that was made by the Alberta government, it has been felt that that may not be the most efficient way of handling the movement of grain. However, I am informed that a study is being made at this time by the Department of Transport of that very question, and as soon as a decision is made I will be happy to bring that information to Senator Bielish and to the Senate.

GRAIN

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—CONTROL OF FEED GRAINS

Hon. Hazen Argue (Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board): Honourable senators, yesterday Senator Bielish asked if I could provide the names of the members of the ad hoc Feed Grain Supply Committee. The committee members are:

Barry Andrew, a grain and livestock producer in the Regina area. Mr. Andrew is president of Canadian Western Agribition, director of Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, and a director of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

Fern Beaudet, director of grain services at the Co-op federee du Quebec. Mr. Beaudet has had extensive experience in marketing grains with a number of grain and cereal companies.

Gordon Blanchard, a grain and livestock producer from the Bow Island area of Alberta. He is a regional director of Unifarm as well as a member of the Unifarm Executive and chairman of its Transportation Committee.

John Eaton, manager of technical services in the agriculture division of Co-op Atlantic, in Moncton, N.B. Mr. Eaton was raised on a farm in Nova Scotia. In his 19 years with the Co-op, he has been involved with marketing and other aspects of the feed grain industry.

Glen Flaten, a grain and broiler chicken producer from the Regina area. He is first vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, chairman of the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission and a director of Canfarm Cooperative. Mr. Flaten is also a member of the Advisory Council on Transportation to the Saskatchewan government.

Bert Hall, a grain, hog and broiler chicken producer from Manitou, Man. Mr. Hall is a past president of the Manitoba Farm Bureau, chairman of the Manitoba Provincial Chicken Marketing Board and a director of Canfarm Cooperative.