

because I am sure these two gentlemen, with their experience, will be able to agree on what should be done without serious controversy.

Hon. Len Marchand: Honourable senators, I am reluctant to rise on what I think is a question of privilege, but, since Senator Phillips mentioned my name along with that of Senator Corbin and Senator De Bané, I feel obliged to say a few words.

I am a little disappointed in the remarks of Senator Phillips since he is an old-timer around Parliament. I think it was totally silly, frivolous and ridiculous to mention Senator Corbin, Senator De Bané and myself in the manner that he did.

I was in the other place for 11 years and bargained for office space, but never before did I hear a whip or anyone else mention my request for office space on the floor of the House of Commons, and it should never be mentioned here in the Senate, especially in the personal way that Senator Phillips did so.

I am not a complainer—I have never complained—and I am not a whiner. I am quite offended by the ridiculous and silly way that he has handled this matter on the floor of the Senate. I would like him to apologize to me, to Senator Corbin and to Senator De Bané for the frivolous manner in which he treated our desires for better office space.

In my opinion, the Victoria Building is a pretty lousy place to be. The quarters are not good. The working conditions are not very good. I have never complained about them, but if you would like me to complain, I will give it to you. I have requested, in a sensible, decent and regular way, better conditions either in the Centre Block or the East Block, to which we are entitled.

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, in retrospect, perhaps I did err in mentioning the name. It would have been far better had I said "his supporters in the Victoria Building," rather than name names. I am sure that the honourable senator would agree with that.

Senator Marchand: Honourable senators, if that is an apology, I will accept it.

SMOKING PROHIBITION BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Stanley Haidasz presented Bill S-8, to prohibit smoking in certain work areas and on board certain modes of transport.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

On motion of Senator Haidasz, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Wednesday next, February 19, 1986.

[Senator Roblin.]

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

COMMITTEE STUDY OF IMPACT OF REPORT ENTITLED "SOIL AT RISK—CANADA'S ERODING FUTURE"—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HERBICIDE PRICING TABLED

Hon. Jack Marshall, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, tabled the committee's fourth report.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Marshall, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

REPRESENTATION BILL, 1985

REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Joan Neiman, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, presented the following report:

Thursday, February 13, 1986

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the honour to present its

NINETEENTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred Bill C-74, intituled: "An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act and to provide for certain matters in relation to the 1981 decennial census", has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, January 29, 1986, examined the said Bill and now reports that the Bill be reported without amendment but with the following comments.

The Committee regrets the loss, which will be caused by the passing of Bill C-74, of those seats to which the smaller provinces are entitled under the present law as a consequence of the 1981 census, and it further regrets the fact that the additional seats to which British Columbia and Alberta are entitled on the basis of the present law have been put in jeopardy for the next election by the introduction of Bill C-74.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN B. NEIMAN

Chairman

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She said: Honourable senators, I should appreciate leave to make a few additional comments with respect to this report.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Neiman: Honourable senators will recall that Bill C-74 received first and second reading late in December.