

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Honourable senators, I am sure we all take pleasure in noting the return to the house of Senator Monette.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

#### DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. Paul Martin** tabled:

Copies of the Agenda of Working Session No. 1 of the Constitutional Conference held at Ottawa, June 11, 12 and 13, 1969. (English and French texts).

Report of the National Research Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1969, pursuant to section 16(3) of the Research Council Act, chapter 239, R.S.C., 1952, as amended 1966. (English and French texts).

Statutory Orders and Regulations published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, of Wednesday, June 11, 1969, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, chapter 235, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

Copies of Report on the Conclusions of the Meeting of the First Working Session of the Constitutional Conference held at Ottawa, June 11 and 12, 1969. (English and French texts).

Copies of a News Release, dated June 13, 1969, issued by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, respecting the Committee of Inquiry into the Non-Medical use of Drugs and the Members named to the said Committee.

#### TELESAT CANADA BILL

##### FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-184, to establish a Canadian corporation for telecommunication by satellite.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Paul Desruisseaux**, with leave of the Senate, moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

Motion agreed to.

#### NATIONAL HOUSING ACT, 1954 (INCREASED LOANS)

##### BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message has been received from the

House of Commons with Bill C-192, to amend the National Housing Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald** moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

#### NATIONAL HOUSING ACT, 1954 (MUNICIPAL WORKS)

##### BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-201, to amend the National Housing Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald** moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

#### FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT

##### BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-195, to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Paul Martin** moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

#### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY

##### GREAT SLAVE LAKE RAILWAY—LOSSES TO CONTRACTORS—ORDER STANDS

On the order for resuming the adjourned debate on the inquiry of Hon. Mr. Argue:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the large losses suffered by contractors in construction of the Great Slave Lake Railway and to the extreme hardship and financial burden placed on the contractors due to the unnecessary and oppressive use by the Canadian National Railway of clause 16 of the construction contract;

To the completion of the Great Slave Lake Railway ahead of schedule and at less than the estimated cost which was accomplished in substantial measure by the exploitation of the contractors and resulted in the loss to the contractors of