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THE SENATE

Tuesday, December 20, 1966

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Hon. Maurice Bourget, P.C., Acting Speaker, in the Chair. Prayers.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Copy of Supplementary Agreement, signed at New Delhi December 16, 1966, amending the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of India relating to the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station and the Douglas Point Nuclear Generating Station signed at New Delhi on December 16, 1963, together with copies of correspondence exchanged. (English and French texts).

POSTAL SERVICES INTERRUPTION RELIEF BILL

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. A. K. Hugessen, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report of the committee on Bill S-55, to provide relief in certain cases against loss or hardship suffered as a result of interruptions of normal postal services:

Your committee recommends that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of its proceedings on the said bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: I move, with leave of the Senate, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hugessen, for Hon. Mr. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered Bill S-55, to provide relief in certain cases against loss or hardship suffered as a result of interruptions of normal postal services, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Denis: With leave of the Senate, I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

CONSUMER CREDIT (COST OF LIVING)

SECOND REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. David A. Croll, Joint Chairman of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on Consumer Credit and Cost of Living presented the second report of the committee, as follows:

Your committee recommends that it be authorized to adjourn from place to place.

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

Hon. Mr. Croll: With leave of the Senate, I move that the report be adopted now.

Honourable senators, it is the intention of the committee to hold some further hearings on food prices and then turn its attention to housing and clothing costs. It is planned that by the end of February a subcommittee will travel in order to obtain some regional viewpoints. It is not possible to ask all interested persons, such as small merchants and people in credit unions and co-operatives, to come to Ottawa to be heard. It was thought that a subcommittee would be able to handle that aspect much better by doing an on-the-spot job.

This same motion was put to the House of Commons earlier today. The committee has asked for this, and I commend it to the Senate.

Hon. Mr. Burchill: I understood from the press that you had completed your hearings.

Hon. Mr. Croll: No. We have an interim report, which I will be presenting in a moment or two.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: How many members will be on the subcommittee?

Hon. Mr. Croll: We have not made up our minds on it, but we think that five or six would be the number, so as to represent all the parties. That was the tone of the discussion, but as yet it is quite indefinite.

Report adopted.