

will be made on that matter by the Minister of National Revenue and/or the Minister of Communications over the next little while. The problem is that, while the intent of that particular tariff code item is quite clear, the technology has evolved considerably. There is a question — on which we are taking legal advice — as to whether the tariff covers what Time/Sports Illustrated propose to do. It is more complex than a matter of trying to persuade the government that they are a Canadian magazine. Because of the technology involved, they are asserting that the country of origin of the publication is Canada.

**Senator Davey:** I wonder if the Government Leader would tell me what he means by "the next little while". I am not trying to be a smart Alec. You have said that for several weeks. What do you mean by "the next little while?"

**Senator Murray:** I am always reluctant to set out firm dates, but I think you have heard me say before that it is a matter of days rather than weeks. The Minister of Communications is out of town at the moment. I hope to have an opportunity to speak with him about this matter today by telephone, if possible.

**Senator Davey:** Is it possible that Time Life will simply, of its own volition, go ahead and bring in the so-called Canadian edition of *Sports Illustrated* within the next week or so? The time is running out.

**Senator Murray:** The short answer to that question is yes. Normally, we make our decisions on these matters after the first issue of the publication in question appears.

**Senator Davey:** Do you have any idea of when that first edition will be coming out? Is it possible that it will be next week?

**Senator Murray:** I am sorry, honourable senators, I do not have any information on that.

#### GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES RESTRAINT BILL, 1993 NO. 2

##### REQUEST FOR POLLING RESULTS

**Hon. Gildas Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, in view of the fact that we are likely to receive Bill C-113 very shortly, a bill which will affect unemployment insurance policy, would the minister assist us by giving us the polls that the government has been conducting on the UI proposals so that we will be better informed and better able to discuss the bill when it arrives?

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I believe there was a request under the Access to Information Act and those polls are in the public domain now and have been for some weeks. I will be glad to try to obtain them and furnish them to the honourable senator in the hope that they will assist him to make up his mind on the bill.

**Senator Molgat:** I am very encouraged by the minister's answer. I look forward to that. However, he only referred to those which have been so far released under the Information Act. I understand that there are also some others. While I gladly accept those he has offered, could he also obtain for us the others which have not yet been released?

**Senator Murray:** Honourable senators, I am not sure it is accurate to say that there have been others taken by the government on this matter.

**Senator Molgat:** Would my honourable friend check whether there were others taken, and provide whatever details he can give us about them?

**Senator Murray:** I will certainly inquire into the status of any such research.

#### NOVA SCOTIA

##### DEVELOPMENT OF COAL MINE IN PICTOU COUNTY— FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEE

**Hon. John B. Stewart:** Honourable senators, I understand that the government has had to make good on its loan guarantee of some \$80 million to Curragh Resources for the development of the coal mine in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. What steps has the government of Canada taken to assure that any recovery that can be made on behalf of the Canadian taxpayer will indeed be made?

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, judging from the statement he has just made, I am not sure that my friend is well informed on this matter. No decision has been made by the government so far as I am aware, subject always to correction.

**Senator Stewart:** For clarification, may I ask whether you mean that there has been no decision as to fulfilling the conditions of the guarantee or taking steps to make recoveries subsequent to the fulfilment of the guarantee?

**Senator Murray:** I think the first question is still under consideration by the government. My friend shakes his head, so his information is more up to date than mine.

**Senator Stewart:** I think that the Estimates just tabled, the current final Supplementaries, show that the money has, in fact, been paid to the bank. If that is indeed the case, then I would repeat the second part of my question.

**Senator Murray:** I shall make inquiries.

#### YUGOSLAVIA

##### CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING TROOPS—ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

**Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** When our Canadian troops were sent to Yugoslavia, I believe it was announced that a communications system