

THE SENATE

Thursday, January 23, 1969

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

PRIVATE BILL

THE QUEBEC SAVINGS BANK—FIRST READING

Hon. Maurice Bourget presented Bill S-27, respecting The Quebec Savings Bank.

Bill read first time.

Hon. Mr. Bourget moved, with leave of the Senate, that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Report of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1968, pursuant to section 30 of the Government Organization Act, 1966, chapter 25, Statutes of Canada, 1966-67. (English and French texts).

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, January 28, 1969 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The reason for reassembling at 8 o'clock in the evening rather than at an earlier hour is that our assessment of the requirements of next week indicates this will give us enough time to deal with the business at hand. In accordance with the usual practice, I would like to point out to the house what we conceive to be the business of the house for next week.

When the Senate resumes on Tuesday, we shall continue with the debate on the motion by Senator Molson for adoption of the Fourth Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the Senate. There are still, I believe, a number of senators who wish to speak on this motion.

The debate on the motion for second reading of Bill S-24, to amend the Canadian Elections Act, will be resumed.

We hope to conclude the debate on the motion for second reading of Bill S-26, to prohibit the distribution, sale and importation of hazardous products, and refer that bill to a committee. We shall be debating the second reading today.

I understand there are still some senators who would like to speak on Senator Hayden's inquiry, calling the attention of the Senate to certain sections of the British North America Act and the effect of such sections on the initiation of legislation in the Senate.

A debate on the motion for second reading of Bill S-20, to amend the Copyright Act, was adjourned in December until January 28. It is hoped that this debate can be concluded next week and the bill referred to committee.

There are two inquiries on the Order Paper for next week, one in the name of Senator Croll and the other in the name of Senator Macnaughton. I understand from Senator Macnaughton that we will proceed with that next week and that he has lined up some senators who wish to take part in the debate. It has been on the Order Paper for some time and we look forward to Senator Macnaughton's contribution.

Also on the Order Paper for Tuesday next is Senator Davey's motion for the appointment of a special committee of the Senate to consider and report upon the ownership and control of major means of public communication in Canada. I hope that it will be possible for Senator Davey to proceed.

The Special Committee on Science Policy will meet on Wednesday and Thursday. Senator Croll advises that he expects that the Special Committee on Poverty will hold its organization meeting next week.

The Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs will meet to consider Bill S-21, an act to amend the Criminal Code. This is the bill dealing with hate propaganda. In addition I expect to have at least two Government bills introduced here.

I feel it would be desirable if the Senate did not sit on Wednesday next in order to give the committees a chance to catch up with their work.

I understand from the house leader in the other place that the house will not be sitting at least one day next week so as to enable its committees to catch up with their work. Therefore, I think it would be useful for us to