

the minister because we want to look ahead, and not reflight the election campaign, which we lost. We accept that reality, and it is because of that reality that we will not stand up and vote against this bill.

Nothing that we have heard in the committee has removed the concerns we have had. In fact, some of our concerns have been increased as a result of what we heard in the committee.

Senator Perrault: Hear, hear!

Senator MacEachen: In the field of energy, the doubts I had were certainly reinforced by the testimony of the Honourable Mitchell Sharp yesterday. My concerns have increased, but, despite that, we acknowledge that the Government of Canada has a majority in the House of Commons. It has sent us this bill to have it approved by the Senate. We shall not participate in its approval; we shall not support it. The government members will do that job, but they will also take responsibility in the future for whatever results accrue.

Senator Murray: Gladly!

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

The Hon. the Speaker: It is moved by the Honourable Senator Murray, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Doody, that Bill C-2 be read the third time now. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

Senator Bell: Nay.

Senator Frith: On division!

The Hon. the Speaker: The yeas have it.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed, on division.

ILLITERACY IN CANADA

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Joyce Fairbairn: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Monday, March 6, 1989, I will call the attention of the Senate to the question of illiteracy in Canada.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), moved:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Monday, 6th March, 1989, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTION PERIOD

[Senator MacEachen.]

[English]

TRANSPORT

NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT—PROPOSED FIXED CROSSING— GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL

Hon. John B. Stewart: Honourable senators, I have one question that I should like to direct to Senator Murray. I do not expect him to have the answer today. Will the Honourable the Leader of the Government in the Senate be prepared when next we meet to put before the Senate a statement with regard to progress on the proposal for a fixed crossing to Prince Edward Island?

Senator Perrault: He will send a letter!

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government, Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations and Acting Minister of Communications): Yes, honourable senators, I shall.

Senator Phillips: Send him a letter!

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 4.30 p.m. the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following communication had been received:

RIDEAU HALL

OTTAWA

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

30 December 1988

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 30th day of December, 1988, at 4.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to a Bill.

Yours sincerely,
Léopold H. Amyot
Secretary to the Governor General

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate
Ottawa

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.