

BORROWING AUTHORITY BILL, 1986-87 (No. 2)

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-40, to provide borrowing authority.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), I move that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I have discussed this matter with the Deputy Leader of the Government. Can I assume that he will be proceeding with his intervention at second reading debate today?

Senator Doody: Yes.

Senator Frith: Then he understands that we will be adjourning the debate at that point. On that basis, I believe we should grant leave to permit him to do so today.

The Hon. the Speaker: Then, is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

FIRST REPORT OF FRENCH CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE—SENATE COMMITTEE STUDY—NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Joan Neiman: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), I move:

That for the purpose of its examination of and report upon the First Report of the French Constitutional Drafting Committee (Sessional Paper No. 332-159), the membership of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs be increased to fifteen members, and that Rule 67(1)(k) be suspended in relation thereto.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, Senator Neiman has explained the reason for this motion to me, and I, personally, support it. However, she was unable to give my colleagues and me an opportunity to consider it earlier today.

For that reason, I believe that she and the deputy chairman, Senator Nurgitz, would be content if this matter were put over until next Tuesday. By that time both caucuses will have had an opportunity to consider it. I suspect they will support it, but

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we should give them an opportunity to look at it. Perhaps we can consider this as a notice of motion.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. George van Roggen: Honourable senators, if I may digress for one second, having heard from the distinguished citizen from Greece on St. Patrick's Day, as a Dutchman I would like to be permitted to say that my dedication to this chamber is evidenced today by the fact that, while I am here, my wife is in Vancouver celebrating our third wedding anniversary.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

Senator van Roggen: Obviously, I was married on St. Patrick's Day so I would not forget that date!

In the spirit of that dedication, honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), I move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have power to sit at four o'clock in the afternoon today, even though the Senate may then be sitting, and that rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

TERRITORIAL LANDS ACT

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO STUDY SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-43

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), I move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry be authorized to examine the subject matter of the Bill C-43, an Act to amend the Territorial Lands Act, in advance of the said Bill coming before the Senate or any matter relating thereto.

If necessary, I would be pleased to give a brief explanation.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Doody: Honourable senators, this particular piece of legislation deals with the transfer of forestry control authority from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the Government of the Northwest Territories. I am told that negotiations were going on until as late as last week. Real estate settlements are involved and I assume they