

On August 19, 1994, in the 7th year of the process, the panel redefined existing guidelines in a letter to the DND project manager by stating: "...the panel agrees that it is not the appropriate body to determine whether an aboriginal right exists." Thus the panel eliminated the subject of aboriginal rights from its agenda, said nothing on human rights...but paradoxically stated that the panel would consider information on the impact of the project on the negotiation of land claims.

The technical expert had wanted to draw attention to the absurdity of the panel's position. How could the impact on land claims negotiations be considered without reference to the aboriginal rights which are the basis of the claims? How could aboriginal groups take part in a review process that so hamstring them, and could ultimately prejudice the outcome of land claims negotiations, if DND has a third party interest in the claimed area?

I would hope that in its deliberations on the panel's future recommendations, the government will heed the unbiased observations of the Memorial University anthropologist. I would urge you to listen to the truths the panel clearly did not want to hear.

### GREY CUP

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE B.C. LIONS ON WINNING THE CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Hon. Jack Austin:** Honourable senators, the Senate should note that Canada's football classic was held in Vancouver on Sunday, November 27. This year's event was the eighty-fourth contest for the Grey Cup, donated by former Governor General Earl Grey. An unusual aspect of this year's Canadian football final was that the match was held between a Canadian team composed of a majority of Canadian players, and a United States team made up almost entirely of American players.

Of course, all honourable senators know that the Canadian team was the British Columbia Lions and the U.S. team was from Baltimore. The football battle echoes the origins of North American football, which began with rugby matches between McGill University and Harvard University, and in which context the forward pass was developed.

I am delighted to see the CFL strengthened by the addition of an American presence, and I look forward to the development of a permanent north league in Canada and a south league in the United States.

By the way, the outcome of the football contest followed closely the result of the War of 1812.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS STRATEGY

#### INTERIM REPORT OF ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TABLED

**Hon. Pat Carney,** Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, presented the following report:

Tuesday, November 29, 1994

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### SEVENTH REPORT

Your Committee, which was authorized by the Senate on Wednesday, April 27, 1994, to undertake a study of the policy options available to the government to complete the network of pristine areas that represent Canada's natural regions, and of the creation of a National Protected Areas Strategy and to make recommendations thereon, now tables its interim report entitled *Report on the Committee's Travel to Prairies Sites, National Protected Areas Mandate, October 16-20, 1994.*

Respectfully submitted,

PAT CARNEY, P.C.  
*Chairman*

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

On motion of Senator Carney, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

#### EXTENSION OF FINAL REPORT DATE— REPORT OF ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE PRESENTED

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### EIGHTH REPORT

Your Committee, which was authorized by the Senate on Wednesday, April 27, 1994, to undertake a study of the policy options available to the government to complete the network of pristine areas that represent Canada's natural regions and of the creation of a National Protected Areas Strategy and to make recommendations thereon, respectfully requests that the date of presenting its final report be extended from March 31, 1995 to no later than June 29, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

PAT CARNEY, P.C.  
*Chairman*

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