

petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions, as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Who knows? We may have a miracle at 3 o'clock this afternoon and their prayers will be answered.

[Translation]

NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LIMITED

REPORT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
ON SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-53 TABLED

Hon. Léopold Langlois, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, tabled the following report:

Thursday, June 27, 1985

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has the honour to present its

FIFTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the subject-matter of the Bill C-53, intituled: "An Act to authorize the disposal of the Northern Transportation Company Limited and the forgiveness of its debt to Her Majesty and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof", has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Thursday, June 20, 1985, examined and considered the said subject-matter and now reports that it recommends that the said Bill, when examined by the Senate, be favourably considered.

Respectfully submitted,

LÉOPOLD LANGLOIS
Chairman

[English]

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS

REPORT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
ON SUBJECT MATTER PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. Léopold Langlois: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the Fourth Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications concerning the subject matter of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

[Senator Hastings.]

(For text of report, see appendix, p. 1218)

● (1410)

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

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

[Translation]

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, tabled the following report:

Thursday, June 27, 1985

The Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders has the honour to presents its

THIRD REPORT

On April 2, 1985, a suggestion was made by the Honourable Senator Godfrey that your Committee examine three matters: (i) allowing senators to comment briefly on the speeches of other senators (ii) allowing senators to make brief statements prior to the Orders of the Day and (iii) granting to committees the power to initiate enquiries through the automatic referral of annual reports by departments.

In accordance with Rule 67(1)(f), your Committee agreed to consider these matters and held meetings on May 28, June 18 and June 25.

Your Committee reviewed the practices now in place and concludes that, with respect to all three matters, the current application of the *Rules of the Senate* is satisfactory and that no formal change in Senate rules of procedure is required.

Respectfully submitted,

GILDAS MOLGAT
Chairman

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

[English]

Senator Molgat: Honourable senators, with leave, now.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Molgat: Honourable senators, I wish to thank you for the courtesy of allowing me to proceed now. My comments will be very brief because I know that we have a great deal on the order paper.

The third report deals with three suggestions brought up by Senator Godfrey in questions to me on April 2 in my capacity