THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 16, 1987

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair. Pravers.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN GALLERY

CHIEF OF JACKHEAD INDIAN RESERVE, MANITOBA

Hon. Mira Spivak: Honourable senators, I would like to draw the attention of the Senate to the presence in the Senate Gallery of Chief William Travers, who is Chief of the Jackhead Indian Reserve, which is on the western shore of the northern basin of the ninth largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Winnipeg, which is in Manitoba.

Chief Travers is the immediate past leader of the Indian Brotherhood of First Nations and the immediate past leader of the Interlake Tribal Group. During his tenure as Chief of the Jackhead Indian Reserve, he was responsible for a great deal of social progress in his community, thus bettering life for his people. His achievements include bringing hydro power to the reserve, upgrading educational resources and improving the fiscal responsibility of the reserve.

Chief Travers is accompanied by Mr. Ian Restall, who is a Professor of Law at the University of Manitoba and a legal practitioner with the firm of Swystun and Associates of Winnipeg.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3, 1987-88 FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-65, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1988.

Bill read first time.

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

On motion of Senator Doody, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

[Translation]

BELL CANADA BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker: informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-13, respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada. Bill read first time.

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

On motion of Senator Doody, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

[English]

1987 CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS—MOTION TO CONCUR—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following message had been received from the House of Commons:

HOUSE OF COMMONS CANADA

Tuesday, June 16, 1987

ORDERED,—That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report on the "1987 Constitutional Accord, signed in Ottawa on June 3, 1987, by the First Ministers of Canada", copies of which were tabled in the Senate and the House of Commons on June 3, 1987;

That twelve Members of the House of Commons and five Members of the Senate be the Members of the Special Joint Committee, such Members on the part of the House of Commons to be designated no later than seven sitting days after the adoption of this motion;

That the Committee have the power to appoint from among its Members such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable, and to delegate to such sub-committees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee be empowered to authorize television and radio broadcasting, as it deems appropriate, of any or all of its proceedings or of proceedings of its sub-committees, pursuant to the principles and practices governing the broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons;