

THE SENATE

Wednesday, March 10, 1982

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

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. William J. Petten: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), I move:

That the name of the Honourable Senator Stollery be substituted for that of the Honourable Senator Stanbury on the list of senators serving on the Special Joint Committee on Official Languages; and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that house accordingly.

Hon. Lowell Murray: Honourable senators, we look forward to Senator Stollery's attendance this afternoon.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION

CANCELLATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, before Question Period commences I would mention a minor point of order. The notice in the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* indicates that a meeting of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration is scheduled for tomorrow at 11.15 a.m. in room 257 in the East Block. Senator Graham, the chairman of that committee, tells me, although such a meeting usually does take place on Thursdays, that will not be the case tomorrow. To avoid any senator's being misled by what is in the *Minutes of the Proceedings*, I advise the house that there will not be a meeting of the Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration Committee this week, but there will be one next week.

Hon. Jean-Paul Deschatelets: Honourable senators, are there any other changes in the schedule of committee meetings for tomorrow?

Senator Frith: As far as I know, all other committee meetings, of which we have had notice, will be taking place as scheduled.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, following the motion made by Senator Petten to have Senator Stollery named a member of the Special Joint Committee on Official Languages, could the deputy leader, or the leader, or perhaps Senator Petten, tell us if Senator Stollery asked to be put on that committee in order that he may attend the meeting scheduled for this afternoon?

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, Senator Stollery has always had a deep and abiding interest in bilingualism, and he is pursuing his demonstrated interest and bent.

Senator Flynn: Last evening Senator Stollery was somewhat worried about the fact that the two parties were not represented at the committee meeting of yesterday. If he wishes to be there today to represent the Liberal Party, I am quite sure that Senator Murray will welcome him with open arms.

Senator Perrault: All of us on this side are deeply touched by the interest demonstrated this afternoon for government supporters by the Leader of the Opposition. His concern for their attitudes and views and the question of their committee membership has been noted with interest.

Senator Flynn: I am also happy to see that the Leader of the Government is in a very good mood today, which is in contrast with the mood he displayed last evening.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): I do not think we can assure the honourable senator that Senator Stollery is looking forward to being welcomed with open arms by Senator Murray.

Senator Flynn: Well, I don't know about that. Senator Stollery is the one who complained yesterday, and I see he is not present in the chamber at this moment. He is probably waiting at the door of the committee room.

Senator Perrault: Obviously, he is preparing his views for the meeting this afternoon.

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Senator Flynn: It is certainly a good idea that he should be prepared.