

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

TERMINATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY ON EIGHTH SITTING DAY

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), moved:

That the proceedings on the order of the day for resuming the debate on the motion for an Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne addressed to both Houses of Parliament be concluded on the eighth sitting day on which the order is debated.

Motion agreed to.

RETIREMENT AGE POLICIES

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE

Hon. David A. Croll: Honourable senators, the Special Senate Committee on Retirement Age Policies was ready to table its report *Retirement Without Tears* on December 18 last, and plans had been made accordingly. It so happened that on December 14 Parliament was dissolved and the committee ceased to exist.

The committee then applied to the Intersessional Authority for permission to release the report which was already in the hands of the distributors. That Authority, consisting of Senator Flynn, Senator Perrault and Senator Grosart, gave the necessary permission, and we proceeded accordingly, with, I might add, some rather good results. I shall speak further on that later, but not today.

Now, honourable senators, we have to table that report, but how does a committee that is not in existence table a report? This is a new situation, so we went to the Clerk and to the legal authorities, and we asked their advice. Their advice was that I should introduce a resolution to reconstitute the committee, with the evident intention that there would be no meetings, and then later ask for permission to table the report.

• (1430)

I have spoken to those on both the government and opposition sides about this matter, and I will now make a motion with respect to it. I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(d):

That a special committee of the Senate be appointed to examine and report upon

- (a) the existing retirement age policies affecting workers in both the public and private sectors;
- (b) the social and economic implications of mandatory retirement based on age alone;
- (c) the feasibility of enabling workers, especially elderly citizens, to continue to make a worthwhile contribution to our society through flexible voluntary retirement plans to the extent of their ability and motivation;
- (d) the protection for those over sixty-five against age discrimination in all employment areas; and

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(e) the need for the maximum co-operation of all levels of government, labour unions, business and the public in respect of existing and future retirement age policies and retirement plans;

That the committee have power to engage the services of such technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in the three preceding sessions be referred to the committee;

That the papers and submissions received on the subject and the work accomplished during the dissolution of the Thirtieth Parliament, as authorized by the Intersessional Authority (appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Senate on the 29th day of March, 1972) be referred to the committee;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee, to sit during adjournments of the Senate and to adjourn from place to place in Canada; and

That, notwithstanding rule 66, the committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Adams, Anderson, Bell, Benidickson, Bird, Bosa, Buckwold, Cottreau, Croll, Deschatelets, Eudes, Fournier (*Madawaska-Restigouche*), Fournier (*Restigouche-Gloucester*), Haidasz, Inman, Lucier, Norrie, Phillips, Quart, Rowe, Steuart and Williams.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TABLED

Leave having been given to revert to Reports of Committees:

Hon. David A. Croll: Honourable senators, I have the honour to table the report of the Special Committee of the Senate on Retirement Age Policies, and I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), that the report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration on Tuesday next, April 22, 1980.

Motion agreed to.

PROPERTY QUALIFICATION OF SENATORS

RENEWAL

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), moved:

That every senator who is a member of this Parliament and whose name appeared on the list of senators who had renewed their Declaration of Property Qualification in respect of the 31st Parliament, tabled in the Senate on November 7, 1979, is deemed to have made and filed with the Clerk of the Senate a renewed Declaration of Prop-