

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 8, 1986

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

[Translation]

VISIT BY CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO BELGIUM

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Paul David: Honourable senators. I give notice that on Tuesday next, October 14, 1986, I will call the attention of the Senate to the visit of a Canadian parliamentary delegation to Belgium in response to an invitation from the Belgian Parliament, from May 11 to 17, 1986.

[English]

POLAND

VISIT TO CANADA OF HIS EMINENCE JOZEF CARDINAL GLEMP— FELICITATIONS

On Notices of Motions:

Hon. Stanley Haidasz: Honourable senators, I seek unanimous consent to present a motion on the auspicious occasion of the presence of His Eminence Jozef Cardinal Glomp in Ottawa today.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Haidasz: Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Tremblay:

That, whereas the prime spiritual leader of the Catholic Church in Poland, the Primate, His Eminence Jozef Cardinal Glomp, has, through his moral authority, defended with diplomatic tact and firmness fundamental human rights and social justice for the Polish people, paving peacefully the way to moral rebirth and national reconciliation;

The Senate of Canada express to His Eminence our best wishes for a happy and successful visit to communities across Canada.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

LABOUR

BRITISH COLUMBIA LONGSHOREMEN'S LOCKOUT—RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT REQUEST

Hon. Ian Sinclair: Honourable senators, before I put my question I would like to extend, for the record, my very

heartiest congratulations to Senator Murray on his elevation to the cabinet, and at the same time wish him speedy and complete success in the work that he has undertaken in regard to Quebec.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear!

Senator Sinclair: Honourable senators, yesterday the Leader of the Government in the Senate indicated that the Minister of Labour had sent a telegram to the Maritime Employers' Association in Vancouver asking that they concur in the lifting of the lockout in order to permit the loading of grain ships in ports in British Columbia.

In view of the national emergency that has existed in regard to the movement of cereals out of Canada, could he advise the chamber whether there has been a reply?

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, first, I wish to thank the Honourable Senator Sinclair for his personal good wishes and, in particular, I express my appreciation to him for his expression of support for the efforts the government is making which we hope will lead to the inclusion of Quebec in the Constitutional Accord.

Senator Frith: They are included; you mean they are signing an agreement.

Senator Murray: Yes, to give their assent to the Constitutional Accord.

The government very much appreciates the support which is generally forthcoming on this matter from all three parties in Parliament.

In answer to the question just put by Senator Sinclair, I am informed by the Honourable the Minister of Labour that the response from the Maritime Employers' Association, which he received within the past hour or so, is, indeed, a positive one.

The British Columbia association has indicated to the minister that it is prepared to resume and continue normal operations forthwith in all ports for a period of 30 days, during which time efforts will be made to resolve the issues in dispute.

I should add that the Maritime Employers' Association has also told the minister that if at the end of 30 days a collective agreement has not been concluded, it would anticipate that Parliament would take the appropriate action.