

Report of the Textile and Clothing Board, dated November 27, 1975, on an inquiry respecting hosiery.

Report of the Textile and Clothing Board, dated August 8, 1975, on an inquiry respecting work gloves.

Report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada entitled "Evidence", dated December 1975, pursuant to section 18 of the Law Reform Commission Act, Chapter 23 (1st Supplement), R.S.C., 1970.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES—VOLUME I OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE TABLED

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I have the honour to table, on behalf of Senator van Roggen, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, a committee report entitled "Canada-United States Relations—Volume I—The Institutional Framework for the Relationship."

This report was published and distributed on Tuesday last, January 27, during the adjournment of the Senate, pursuant to an order of the Senate of December 18, 1975, to enable Canadian members of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, travelling to the United States on January 29 to attend meetings of the group, to take with them copies of the report to be given to their American counterparts.

Honourable senators, before I move that the report be taken into consideration, may I simply say that the report has attracted a great deal of very favourable attention across Canada and in the United States. I think that once again it points up the excellent work being done by committees of the Senate. This conscientious work by many members, representing a diversity of viewpoints, is manifested in the quality of Volume I of this report on Canada-United States relations. The chairman, the vice-chairman and those who make up this committee deserve the commendation not only of the members of the Senate but of all Canadians.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, on behalf of Senator van Roggen, I move that the report be taken into consideration on Wednesday, February 11, 1976.

Motion agreed to.

EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Senator Petten, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), moved:

That the name of the Honourable Senator Cook be substituted for that of the Honourable Senator Smith (Queens-Shelburne) on the list of senators serving on the Special Joint Committee on Employer-Employee Relations in the Public Service; and

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

Motion agreed to.

[Senator Perrault.]

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Senator Flynn: Honourable senators, may I inquire of the Leader of the Government as to the program for the Senate during this and next week?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, an attempt will be made to provide information later this day.

CRIMINAL CODE

PARTIAL ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—EXPIRATION OF TRIAL PERIOD—QUESTION ANSWERED

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, on December 18, 1975, Senator Greene and Senator Neiman asked questions in the Senate relating to the expiry date for the trial period for partial abolition of capital punishment.

The present legislation does not expire until December 31, 1977.

ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

FAMILY ALLOWANCES—QUESTION ANSWERED

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, on Saturday, December 20, Senator Forsey asked a question with respect to the anti-inflation program. He asked whether I had any indication of "the precise means by which the freeze, the temporary freeze in the family allowance payments will be carried out."

Senator Flynn: So-called.

Senator Perrault: I have been informed that the average per child monthly allowance will remain at \$22.08. The anticipated January 1, 1976, increase will not take place as previously scheduled.

EFFECT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE CUTBACKS ON NOVA SCOTIA—QUESTION ANSWERED

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, also on December 20 last, a question was asked by Senator Macdonald relating to alleged or reported cutbacks in expenditures of the Department of National Defence in Nova Scotia. I have been informed that discussions are going on at the present time regarding the consolidation or closure of bases, but no decision has been made as yet.

[Later:]

Senator Forsey: Honourable senators, before Orders of the Day are called I should like to draw the attention of the Leader of the Government to the fact that whoever read my question on the subject of the freeze on Family Allowances cannot have read it very carefully, because what I asked was the means by which the government proposed to impose this, and all I got back, in effect, was that it had been imposed.

I understand, from information I received from the minister privately, that it was a matter of an order in council, an order in council which simply wasn't passed. Had I been less ignorant than I was I should not have asked the question because I should have known that already.

I apologize, therefore, to the chamber, the minister and the Leader of the Government, but I should like to suggest