

to revise the Bank Act, to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act, to establish the Canadian Payments Association and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof," in advance of the said bill coming before the Senate, or any matter relating thereto; and

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

Motion agreed to.

BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY

Hon. Salter A. Hayden, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce be authorized to examine and consider the subject matter of Bill C-12, intituled: "An Act respecting bankruptcy and insolvency," in advance of the said bill coming before the Senate, or any matter relating thereto.

Motion agreed to.

● (2005)

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMITTEE EMPOWERED TO ENGAGE SERVICES

Hon. Salter A. Hayden, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce be empowered to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purposes of its examination and consideration of such legislation and other matters as may be referred to it.

Motion agreed to.

THE ESTIMATES

NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY

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

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be authorized to examine and report upon the expenditures proposed by the estimates laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1981, tabled in the Senate on Wednesday, April 23, 1980.

[Senator Hayden.]

Motion agreed to.

● (2010)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A)—NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY

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

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be authorized to examine and report upon the expenditures set out in the supplementary estimates (A) laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1981, tabled in the Senate on April 23, 1980.

Motion agreed to.

NATIONAL FINANCE

COMMITTEE EMPOWERED TO ENGAGE SERVICES

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

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be empowered to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purposes of its examination and consideration of such legislation and other matters as may be referred to it.

Motion agreed to.

● (2015)

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CABINET

ABSENCE OF MINISTERS FROM SENATE CHAMBER

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I note with regret that we lack the presence of two out of three of our distinguished members of the cabinet. I recall during the previous session that some complaints were heard from this side of the house, occupied at that time by my good friends opposite, about similar absences. I am wondering if there is a good reason for the Leader of the Government's absence. Perhaps he is dealing with some grave problem in British Columbia. I ask the Deputy Leader of the Government if he can shed some light on the situation surrounding Senator Perrault's absence.

Senator van Roggen: You are walking into this one.

Senator Flynn: Did the honourable senator have a comment?

Senator van Roggen: I made an interjection, and I apologize to the Leader of the Opposition. I muttered under my breath too loudly that the Leader of the Opposition was walking into