

75(3) and 77(3) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970.

Capital Budget of the National Harbours Board for the year ending December 31, 1981, pursuant to section 70(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with Order in Council P.C. 1981-1415, dated May 28, 1981, approving same.

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REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. John M. Godfrey: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the seventh report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments. I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see appendix, p. 2553.)

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Senator Godfrey: Honourable senators, I move that this report be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I have a question for the Deputy Leader of the Government concerning the business of the Senate this week and next week. Last Thursday, as I recall, the Deputy Leader mentioned that we were to receive Bill C-57. As we all know from the official record of the House, it has been decided to allow a certain time for the consideration of Bill C-57. If use had been made of the time that elapsed since then the bill would have already been passed in the other place and would certainly have been referred to us by now in view of the majority enjoyed by the government in the other place. It is even more loyal than its majority here!

The point I wanted to make is this: it now seems that the other place does not plan to proceed with Bill C-57 before next week. In view of the general schedule given to us by the Deputy Leader—and I am not suggesting that he should be bound by it—it seems to me that if the government intends to adjourn for the summer recess let us say at the end of this month, by sending this bill to us so late, this might create a problem for the Senate because of the vital importance of the bill.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, the information that I received this week, including what I said last week, agrees in nearly every detail with the information of the Leader of the Opposition. It is not correct that this bill will not be considered at all in the other place this week; it is simply that it will not be disposed of.

I plan to ask the leadership of the other place tomorrow for more precise information as to when exactly we can expect Bill C-57, as well perhaps as other bills. According to my information—and that is not only what I have heard personally—and to the rumours which are going around, Bill C-57 will receive final consideration with third reading on division next Monday or Tuesday. If it should be Monday afternoon, nothing will be changed for us since we intend to sit Monday evening. If it should be Monday evening or even Tuesday afternoon, I quite agree that we have to discuss other arrangements.

Senator Flynn: When the deputy leader asks the Leader of the House of Commons for this information, would he tell him that it is not fair for the House of Commons to delay unduly passage of a bill and refer it to the Senate only a few days or a few hours before the time set for adjournment. Of course, there would be no difficulty in the Senate sitting after the House of Commons has adjourned, but we must remember that it would have to be called back for royal assent.

Senator Frith: Agreed.

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[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

STRIKE BY FRANCOPHONE JOURNALISTS

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government. Does he have a reply to my question concerning the strike by francophone journalists of the French network of the CBC, and to my suggestion that the problem be referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications to inquire into what is really blocking the settlement? That strike has now gone on for four months, if not five.

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I do not have a current report on the state of negotiations. Hopefully, that might be forthcoming tomorrow.

Senator Flynn: Hopefully. This is the third time I have asked this question.