

THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 25, 1952

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. A. L. Beaubien presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant. (See appendix at end of today's report.)

The Hon. the Speaker: When shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Beaubien: Tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

REPORT RECONSIDERED

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I would point out that we shall not be able to hold the proposed organization meeting of the Standing Committee on Divorce unless we first adopt that part of the report of the Committee on Selection dealing with the appointment of the members of the Divorce Committee. I would therefore move that the Senate revert to consideration of the report of the Committee of Selection, that honourable members nominated therein for appointment to the Divorce Committee be hereby appointed, and that the remainder of the report be left over for consideration tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I had not thought of that point, but I am sure all honourable senators are anxious to take whatever steps are necessary to facilitate the work of the Divorce Committee which has so many tedious sittings before it. The house has already adopted the motion that the report of the Committee of Selection be considered tomorrow. Perhaps I could be advised as to the procedure we might follow in order that the members of the Divorce Committee may be appointed today. It is the general custom to allow the report of the Committee of Selection to stand for one day before being considered, so that honourable senators may read the names of those appointed to the various committees; but I am sure something can be done to facilitate the appointment of the members of the Divorce Committee.

Hon. Mr. Vien: I am sure that under our rules we can revert to the question put by the Speaker: "When shall this report be taken into consideration?" and move that the report

of the Committee of Selection, in so far as it affects the Divorce Committee, be adopted, and that the remainder of the report be left over for consideration tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That is the right procedure. I so move.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Aseltine was agreed to.

BANKING AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

ADDITION TO PERSONNEL

Hon. Mr. Beaubien: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I beg to move that the names of the Honourable Senators Campbell, McKeen and Wood be added to the list of senators serving on the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the Seventh Session of the Twenty-First Parliament of Canada.

Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it Please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both houses of parliament.

He said:

(Translation):

My first words are for our gracious queen, to whom I wish a long and fruitful reign. May her coronation, next June, be the beginning of an era of peace and prosperity, not only for the whole Commonwealth, but for the entire world.

May God watch over the Queen! God save the Queen!

To His Honour the Speaker, I wish to present my respects. I hope he will continue to preside over our proceedings with his customary wisdom.

I also wish to pay tribute to the two leaders and assure them of my respect. To the leader of this side of the chamber I wish health and vigour, so that he may continue in the active direction of our work, as he has done