

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker laid on the Table the Report of the Commissioner of Official Languages for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 34(2) of the *Official Languages Act*, Chapter O-2, R.S.C., 1970.

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., laid on the Table the following:—

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for Canada, Volume III, Annual Statements of Life Insurance Companies and Fraternal Benefit Societies, for the year ended December 31, 1971, pursuant to section 8 of the *Department of Insurance Act*, Chapter I-17, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 22 of the *Ministries and Ministers of State Act*, Part IV of Chapter 42, Statutes of Canada, 1970-71-72.

Report of the Joint Study Group on Basic Rate of Pension, dated November 1, 1972.

Report of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 5 of the *Department of Manpower and Immigration Act*, Chapter M-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of operations under the *Municipal Improvements Assistance Act* for the year ended December 31, 1972, pursuant to section 11 of the said Act, Chapter M-16, R.S.C., 1970.

Copy of Response to Synopsis Report of the Hearing Officer, pursuant to section 8(4)(d) of the *Expropriation Act*, Chapter 16 (1st Supplement), R.S.C., 1970, respecting the new Toronto Airport.

Statement, dated January 30, 1973, by the Minister of Transport on the site selection for a second Toronto-centered region international airport.

Report of operations under the *Crop Insurance Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 13 of the said Act, Chapter C-36, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada with respect to the 1976 Olympic Games by (1) C. O. R. Rousseau, Esq., President and Commissioner General, Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, dated February 1, 1973; (2) Jean Drapeau, Esq., Mayor of the City of Montreal, dated February 1, 1973; and (3) Robert Bourassa, Esq., Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec, dated January 31, 1973.

Report of operations under the *Government Annuities Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1972, pursuant to section 16 of the said Act, Chapter G-6, R.S.C., 1970.

The Honourable Senator Cameron presented to the Senate a Bill S-2, intituled: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (control of weapons and firearms)".

The Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable Senator Cameron moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Buckwold, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading on Thursday next, 8th February, 1973.

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

The Honourable Senator Cameron moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Lamontagne, P.C.:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report on the science policy of the Federal Government with the object of appraising its priorities, its budget and its efficiency in the light of the experience of other industrialized countries and of the requirements of the new scientific age and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to inquire into and report upon the following:

(a) recent trends in research and development expenditures in Canada as compared with those in other industrialized countries;

(b) research and development activities carried out by the Federal Government in the fields of physical, life and human sciences;

(c) federal assistance to research and development activities carried out by individuals, universities, industry and other groups in the three scientific fields mentioned above; and

(d) the broad principles, the long-term financial requirements and the structural organization of a dynamic and efficient science policy for Canada.

That the Committee have power to engage the services of such counsel, staff and technical advisers as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to adjourn from place to place;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in preceding sessions be referred to the Committee; and

That the Committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Aird, Bélisle, Blois, Bonnell, Bourget, Cameron, Carter, Desruisseaux, Giguère, Grosart, Haig, Hays, Kinneer, Lamontagne, Lang, McGrand, Nichol, O'Leary, Phillips, Sullivan, Thompson and Yuzyk.

After debate, and—

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.