

THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 18, 1980

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

Motion agreed to.

THE CONSTITUTION

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that messages had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the names of Miss Campbell (South West Nova), Messrs. Robinson (Burnaby), Hawkes, Lapierre, Beatty and Epp had been substituted for those of Messrs. Lapierre, Manly, Beatty, Tobin, Epp and Hawkes; and that the names of Messrs. Tobin and Lapierre had been substituted for those of Messrs. Lapierre and Tobin; and that the name of Mr. Knowles had been substituted for that of Mr. Robinson (Burnaby) on the list of members appointed to serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government) tabled:

Report of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1980, pursuant to section 14 of the *Surplus Crown Assets Act*, Chapter S-20 and sections 75(3) and 77(3) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Task Force on Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (Chairman, Donald J. Matthews), dated October, 1979.

● (2005)

PRIVATE BILL

PRESIDENT OF THE LETHBRIDGE STAKE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS—FIRST READING

Hon. Ernest C. Manning presented Bill S-16, respecting the President of the Lethbridge Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Bill read first time.

Senator Manning moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday, November 25, 1980.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—ATTENDANCE IN CHAMBER OF SENATE MEMBERS

Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, before I ask one or two questions of the government, can the leader tell me whether there is any way of recording the attendance of senators who are posted to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution. On certain days the committee meets at exactly the same time as the Senate, and when that happens senators have a problem in recording their attendance here, although they are engaged in Senate business. Is there any way by which we can facilitate that situation?

● (2010)

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, in view of the fact that the special joint committee has permission to meet while the Senate is sitting, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition has advanced a very constructive idea, which is worthy of study and action, if possible.

May I say at the outset of the Question Period that our esteemed and distinguished colleague, Senator Olson, is forced because of his onerous responsibilities to leave at approximately 9 o'clock. If those questions to be directed to Senator Olson can be asked before that time, it will be of great help to him.

Senator Roblin: Honourable senators, this may be a light evening for Senator Olson so far as questions are concerned, but we will keep that request in mind.

STATUS OF REPORT OF LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I should like to refer to a question asked by my leader a few days ago and addressed to the Honourable Senator Goldenberg as Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, requesting information when the report of that committee with respect to constitutional reform in reference to the Senate might be presented. Is there any information on that matter.