

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 23, 1972

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

General Order of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, dated October 28, 1970, amending the Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada, pursuant to section 103(4) of the Supreme Court Act, chapter S-19, R.S.C., 1970.

General Rules and Orders of the Federal Court of Canada made by the Judges of the Court on December 22, 1970, pursuant to section 46(5) of the Federal Court Act, chapter 1, Statutes of Canada, 1970-72, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1971-270, dated February 9, 1971, approving same.

Amending Order No. 1, made by the Judges of the Court on July 15, 1971, amending the Rules of the Federal Court of Canada approved by Order in Council P.C. 1971-270 on February 9, 1971, pursuant to section 46(5) of the Federal Court Act, chapter 1, Statutes of Canada, 1970-72, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1971-2481, dated November 9, 1971, approving same.

IMMIGRATION

DETENTION WITHOUT ACCESS TO COUNSEL— QUESTION ANSWERED

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, on January 11, 1972, at the end of the last session, the honourable Senator Phillips asked me two questions. One was about legal aid in general and the second related to a specific individual, namely, a Mr. Seebag-Montifore.

The present procedure for someone accused is to contact the law society or legal aid society of the appropriate province. At present all legal aid cases are provincially administered. The question of the provision of federal financial assistance in legal aid cases has been under consideration for some time, but I have no policy announcement to make at this time.

I have been informed by officials of the office of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration that Janek Stanislaus Seebag-Montifore is in fact the alias for Jonathan Richard Wearn. An immigration officer went to England and obtained evidence with which Mr. Wearn was confronted. As a result of this confrontation, Mr. Wearn withdrew his appeal from the Immigration Appeal Board, admitted that he was Wearn, and requested deportation to England as soon as possible. Arrangements were made at the expense of the responsi-

ble transportation company, KLM, to have him leave Canada at 6.45 p.m. last February 17. A representative of the immigration division of the Department of Manpower and Immigration accompanied Mr. Wearn to England.

LABOUR RELATIONS

DISPUTE BETWEEN TREASURY BOARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Has the government leader anything to say about the problem of the air traffic conditions in Canada?

Hon. Paul Martin: No, I have not yet received a reply to the questions put by Senator Cameron yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: But do you have the answer to the simple question that I put: Is the government considering the problem?

Hon. Mr. Martin: My honourable friend knows very well that the government is considering the problem.

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[Translation]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Buckwold, seconded by Hon. Miss Lapointe, for an address in reply thereto.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: Honourable senators, the Speech from the Throne delivered on the occasion of the opening of the fourth session of the 28th legislature—a session the duration of which no one can foretell, but which according to a generally held opinion will certainly be the last before a general election—is somewhat akin to the speech which opened the last session and wherein a new style and a new approach were introduced.

The underlying idea seems to be that this document should, in some respects, expound a political doctrine of some sort analyzing the philosophical and economic aspects of our modern society. Such a formula would appear somewhat conceited, though possibly more interesting than the usual listing of the bills the government intends to submit to Parliament.