

THE SENATE

APPOINTMENT OF FEMALE PAGES

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, on June 2, 1971, the honourable Senator Fergusson asked a question of the Leader of the Government regarding the possibility of appointing female pages in the Senate. Honourable senators have already noticed that two charming young ladies have now joined the page staff of the Senate.

Although some legislatures throughout Canada have already employed young ladies as pages, I thought that I should point out this new practice beginning in our chamber tonight and also the unanimous approval of senators when this matter was discussed before the summer recess.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Honourable senators, I should like the credit to go where it is due. His Honour said that Senator Fergusson asked the Leader of the Government whether or not it was possible to have female pages. It is only right that Senator McDonald, who was Acting Leader when I was at that time in Korea, should be given the credit for his very chivalrous reply to Senator Fergusson.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Honourable senators, we should not forget that if ever there was a Speaker in favour of female pages, it is our present Speaker.

Hon. Mrs. Fergusson: Honourable senators, I should just like to say that I was really astonished at the prompt response of the Speaker and of the leader, and I am delighted that we have two girl pages in the chamber.

CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate:

That a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Foster had been substituted for that of Mr. Roy (Timmins) on the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Report of operations under the Civil Service Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 21(2) of the said Act, chapter 49, R.S.C., 1952.

Revised Capital Budget of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1971, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, as approved by Order in Council P.C. 1971-1237, dated June 23, 1971.

Report of the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971,

pursuant to section 20(1) of the Atomic Energy Control Act, chapter A-19, R.S.C., 1970.

Copies of four contracts between the Government of Canada and various municipalities in Manitoba, New Brunswick and British Columbia for the use or employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, chapter R-9, R.S.C., 1970. (English text).

Report of operations under the Crop Insurance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 13 of the said Act, chapter C-36, R.S.C., 1970.

Revised Capital Budget of the National Capital Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, as approved by Order in Council P.C. 1971-1153, dated June 10, 1971.

Statement showing Classification of Deposit Liabilities Payable in Canadian Currency of the Chartered Banks of Canada as at April 30, 1971, pursuant to section 119(1) of the Bank Act, chapter B-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 12 of the Fisheries Research Board Act, chapter F-24, R.S.C., 1970.

Report on proceedings under the Canada Labour (Standards) Code for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 75 of the Canada Labour Code, chapter L-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Statement of expenditures and financial commitments made under the Veterans' Land Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 49 of the said Act, chapter V-4, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of operations under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 12(2) of the said Act, chapter F-22, R.S.C., 1970.

White Paper entitled "Defence in the 70s", dated August 1971, issued by the Department of National Defence.

Copies of a Report entitled "It's Your Turn", dated July 1971, prepared by the Committee on Youth (David Hunter, Chairman).

Report on the operation of the Regional Development Incentives Act and on "Special Area" incentives for the months of June and July 1971, pursuant to section 16 of the said Act, chapter R-3, R.S.C., 1970.

Statutory Orders and Regulations published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, of Wednesday, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25 and September 8, 1971, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, chapter R-5, R.S.C., 1970.