second, the alternate facilities have not yet been provided. If you are to provide service with these roll-on, roll-off icebreaking car ferries between Caribou and Wood Islands, it will take years to put them in place, to build the ships and the docks. They have had sorry experience building ships to fit the existing docks, as we all know. To say that the plan will be available at the time the bridge opens confronts us with ludicrous possibilities.

Senator Fairbairn: Senator Stewart, the words that they gave to me were that it "would be in place."

Senator Stewart: The plan "would be in place," meaning the facilities would be in place? Your nod is not on the record.

Senator Fairbairn: I will put my nod on the record, then. That is my understanding.

Senator Stewart: That is the commitment of the government?

Senator Fairbairn: That is my understanding, yes.

The Hon. the Speaker: It was moved by the Honourable Senator Fairbairn, seconded by the Honourable Senator Molgat:

That whereas section 43 —

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Dispense!

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt this motion?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Heath Macquarrie: On division.

Motion agreed to and Constitution of Canada amended, on division.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Gigantès, seconded by the Honourable Senator Cools, for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the Opening of the First Session of the Thirty-fifth Parliament.—(*8th and last day of resuming debate*)

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, this will be the last day for this debate. I understand that there is an honourable senator who still wishes to speak.

Hon. Eric Arthur Berntson (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Yes, tomorrow.

Senator Molgat: We will then stand the order and presumably the honourable senator will speak on it tomorrow.

Order stands.

MERCHANT NAVY VETERAN AND CIVILIAN WAR-RELATED BENEFITS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Marshall, seconded by the Honourable Senator Lavoie-Roux, for the second reading of Bill S-4, to amend the Merchant Navy Veteran and Civilian War-Related Benefits Act.—(*Honourable Senator Molgat*)

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, when I adjourned this debate, I commented on certain problems I saw with the bill. I have received a memo from Senator Marshall indicating that he will be proposing changes to the bill.

I was prepared to speak on it this evening, but in view of his absence, and as a courtesy to him, I will stand the order until tomorrow.

Order stands.

SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

FIRST REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the first report of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations, presented in the Senate on March 17, 1994.

Hon. P. Derek Lewis: Honourable senators, I move the adoption of this report. In doing so I should like to say that, in its form and content, this report is similar to reports that have been made by this committee in the past.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS PROPOSED TO THE EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ACT ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the third report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (Study re: Export Development Act), tabled in the Senate on March 15, 1994.

Hon. Michael Kirby, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, moved the adoption of the report.

He said: before we vote on the motion, I should like to say a couple of words about the report because it establishes an