

THE SENATE

Thursday, November 20, 1980

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Honourable Renaude Lapointe, Speaker *pro tem*, in the Chair.

Prayers.

THE CONSTITUTION

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 names of Messrs. Lapierre, de Jong and La Salle have been substituted for those of Messrs. Tobin, Robinson (Burnaby) and Epp on the list of members appointed to serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada.

BANKS AND BANKING LAW REVISION BILL, 1980

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-6, to revise the Bank Act, to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act, to establish the Canadian Payments Association and to amend other acts in consequence thereof.

Bill read first time.

● (1405)

Senator Frith moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Monday, November 24, 1980.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, before proceeding with Presentation of Petitions, some senators who may have to leave should know that later I will move that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Monday next at 8 p.m. This adjournment results from having Bill C-6, the Bank Act legislation, placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Monday evening.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government) tabled:

Report of the National Film Board of Canada, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended March 31, 1980, pursuant to section 20(2) of the *National Film Act*, Chapter N-7, R.S.C., 1970.

● (1410)

INCOME TAX CONVENTIONS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government) presented, for Senator Perrault, Bill S-17, to implement conventions between Canada and New Zealand and Canada and Australia for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax.

Bill read first time.

Senator Frith, for Senator Perrault, moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Monday next, November 24, 1980.

Motion agreed to.

THE ESTIMATES

REPORT OF NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (B) PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS AN APPENDIX

Hon. Douglas D. Everett: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the report of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance on supplementary estimates (B) laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1981, and ask that it be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of today and form part of the permanent records of this house.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tem*: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see appendix, p. 1269.)

Senator Everett moved that the report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

CLOSING OF CN EXPRESS TERMINALS—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY

Hon. G. I. Smith: Honourable senators, as Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communica-