

ECONOMIC UNION AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS FOR CANADA

ROYAL COMMISSION—APPOINTMENT—ROLE OF DEPARTMENT
OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA AND HELLIWELL
COMMITTEE

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a reply for Senator Murray, who asked a number of questions concerning the respective roles of the Royal Commission on Economic Union, the Economic Council of Canada and the Economic Advisory Panel to the Minister of Finance. In my reply to the honourable senator yesterday I identified several places where he could get the terms of reference with respect to each of these entities. This document not only identifies them but, indeed, identifies the full text of those terms of reference. The document is rather long and it could be printed in *Hansard*, but for Senator Murray's information, perhaps it would be satisfactory if I simply tabled it.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Lowell Murray: Honourable senators, I trust that before long the minister will bring to the Senate the name of the royal commissioners who will be joining the Honourable Donald Macdonald on this excursion that was announced a few weeks ago by the Prime minister.

Senator Olson: Without agreeing that the commission is an excursion of any kind, I can assure Senator Murray—as I indicated in the firm, unequivocal undertaking that I gave to this question when it was first asked—that I will bring that information to this chamber as soon as it is available. I am not backing away from that undertaking at all.

ENERGY

NEWFOUNDLAND—OFFSHORE RESOURCES—GOVERNMENT
POLICY

Hon. C. William Doody: I wonder if the leader could undertake to find out for me the status of the eastern offshore dispute. I asked the question yesterday and there appears to be some new movement on one side or the other, though it is all very vague. There were some articles in the local press in St. John's a few days ago and I have noticed some articles in the local press here both yesterday and today. Did the minister have an opportunity to inquire, and, if so, has anything changed?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): I will check that matter out immediately.

INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE

MAISLIN INDUSTRIES LTD.—EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND
DIRECTORS

Question No. 85 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Jack Marshall:**

What are the names of the executive officers and directors of Maislin Industries Ltd., 7401 Newman Blvd., LaSalle, Quebec, H3N 1X4?

Reply by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion:

Insofar as the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Regional Economic Expansion are informed:

The executive officers of Maislin Industries Ltd., are:

Alan Maislin—President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer

Sydney Maislin—Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Franklin Selegman—Secretary and Vice-President of Corporate Affairs

The directors of the company are:

Clément Beauregard Simon Maislin

William S. Devlin Sydney Maislin

Brahm M. Gelfand Hubert R. Marleau

Claude L. Langevin S. Pollock

Alan W. Maislin

Myer Maislin

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

BILL TO AMEND (NO. 2)—SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the debate on the motion of Senator Stanbury for the second reading of Bill C-135, to amend the National Housing Act (No. 2).

Hon. Orville H. Phillips: Honourable senators, as the sponsor of the bill said in his introduction last evening, Bill C-135 essentially eliminates the interest deferral plan and substitutes a grant. I was tempted to read back to the chamber some of the answers given in the other place explaining why this could not be done. I decided not to do that because I did not want to inflict the answers on my colleagues on this side and I do not think that the honourable senators on the other side would appreciate it either. However, I say to the sponsor that once he has accepted one idea from the opposition I hope that he will feel free to accept other ideas from the opposition. We will not feel that we are being plagiarized or anything, and we would be only too pleased to help him out.

The bill itself misses several good opportunities to deal with problems affecting the housing industry, such as the cancellation of MURBs, the substitution of the Canada Rental Supply Plan, the Canadian Home Ownership Stimulation Plan and, in general, the reduction of housing starts in Canada, which is developing into a crisis situation and is being ignored by the government. As honourable senators are aware, MURBs were cancelled in the MacEachen budget of November 1981. The honourable member for Vancouver Centre, in reply to that budget pointed out certain difficulties arising as a result of its