

SIXTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the Bill S-11, An Act to restructure the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America under the name of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 20, 1989, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN NURGITZ
Chairman

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

On motion of Senator Doody, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACT

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Nathan Nurgitz, chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, presented the following report:

Wednesday, January 24, 1990

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the honour to present its

SEVENTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Governor General's Act, has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Thursday, December 21, 1989, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN NURGITZ
Chairman

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

On motion of Senator Nurgitz, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

● (1410)

QUESTION PERIOD

THE SENATE

ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT LEADER FROM CHAMBER

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, Senator Murray will not be with

us this afternoon. He is in Toronto talking with Premier Peterson.

INCOME TAX ACT AND RELATED ACTS

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Simard, seconded by the Honourable Senator Murray, P.C., for the second reading of the Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, the Old Age Security Act, the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act and a related Act.—(*Honourable Senator Frith*).

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I understand Senator Buckwold wishes to speak on this order.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold: Honourable senators, one of the delights of being chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce is that you occasionally have to comment on a bill that has been introduced in the Senate—in this case, Bill C-28, containing amendments to the Income Tax Act and amendments to other acts. That bill was presented in the Senate by Senator Simard just before we went home for the Christmas break.

I have again read Senator Simard's introductory remarks and some of his comments were as reasonable as Senator Simard usually is. He said that there were the usual kinds of income tax changes coming about. He also reminded us that we will be faced with a further increase in the surtax on income. That surtax is to rise from 3 per cent to 5 per cent. The surtax was introduced in 1986, at which time the government said: "This is a temporary measure." But now it is going to be raised by 2 per cent. That is an example of the really sneaky ways this government has of raising money, but we are used to that and have had an indication of that from looking at the kinds of budgets that have been presented.

There has been an immense increase in taxation. I will not burden the Senate with a litany of all of the increases that have occurred since this government took over on promises of cutting deficits, reducing expenditures, and giving us responsible fiscal and monetary policies that are to lead to prosperity for this nation. All we have gotten are higher taxes, more and more spending, deficits maintained—hardly a feather in the cap of the Minister of Finance to be able to report to the citizens of this country that our finances are under control.

As a matter of fact, it is interesting to note that great friends of the government, the Canadian Chamber of Com-