

THE SENATE

Thursday, May 22, 1958

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I desire to lay on the table six reports. They are quite long, and I do not propose to read them, but they will appear in the *Minutes of the Proceedings*.

DIVORCE

PETITIONS

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I beg to submit some 35 petitions for divorce. I was promised 40 petitions, but received only 35.

NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENCE
COMMANDCANADA-UNITED STATES AGREEMENT—
ORDERED TO BE PRINTED IN
SENATE RECORDS

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, mention was made yesterday of the NORAD agreement. In past years it has frequently been the custom to have such agreements printed in the Senate records. This is quite an important document, and if the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) has no objection I would move, with leave:

That the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America concerning the organization and operation of the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD), signed at Washington, 12 May, 1958, be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* and form part of the permanent record of this house.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I have already spoken with the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) with regard to the NORAD agreement. The motion to make it an appendix to today's *Hansard* and *Minutes* meets with my approval, and I hope it will be carried unanimously.

Motion agreed to.

For text of agreement see appendix to today's *Hansard*, pp. 76-78.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, with leave, I move that when this house adjourns today it stand adjourned until Tuesday next, May 27, at 8 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

UNITED KINGDOM PRIME MINISTER

PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO CANADA—INQUIRY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Thomas Reid: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I would like to ask a question of the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Aseltine). According to press dispatches we are going to have a visit in Ottawa from the Prime Minister of Great Britain. My question is: Has the leader any information as to whether the Prime Minister of Great Britain will address both houses of Parliament, as has been done on former occasions of this kind?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, all the information I have is what appeared in the newspapers, but I will look into the matter and advise the chamber as soon as possible.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—
DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Monette, seconded by Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson, for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, in rising to speak on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne my first remarks will be in the nature of a congratulatory reference to our respected colleague Senator Aseltine on his appointment to the important and responsible position of Leader of the Government in the Senate. He has the business, professional and legislative experience, together with the necessary tact and sense of humour to enable him to meet the many demands which will be made upon him both in and out of the house. If a change had to be made in the leadership, I am sure that no more appropriate and popular appointment could have been made. I am equally sure that his term of office will be a happy and profitable one for him, for the Senate and for the country.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, I will not let this opportunity pass without also expressing my appreciation to the honourable Senator Haig for his courtesy to me and for the co-operation he gave me not only during the time I was Leader of the Government in this house, but also during his term of office in that position. At the opening of the present Parliament the honourable gentleman asked to be relieved of the many