

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 27, 1959

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

## DOCUMENTS TABLED

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, I table the following documents:

Report of operations under the International River Improvements Act for the year ended December 31, 1958, pursuant to section 11 of the said act, Chapter 47 of the Statutes of 1955. (English text).

Report on the administration of Part V of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act for the year ended March 31, 1958, pursuant to section 108 of the said act, Chapter 241, R.S. 1952. (English text).

Report relating to the administration of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act for the year ended March 31, 1958, pursuant to section 41(2) of the said act, Chapter 111, R.S. 1952. (English and French texts).

Report on the administration of Old Age Assistance in Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958, pursuant to section 12 of the Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 199, R.S. 1952. (English text).

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance relating to co-operative credit societies, to which certificates have been granted under the Co-operative Credit Associations Act, for the year ended December 31, 1957. (English text).

Seventh annual report of the Consultative Committee, dated November 1958, on the Colombo Plan for co-operative economic development in South and Southeast Asia. (English text).

Report of the Dominion Coal Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958, pursuant to section 15 of the Dominion Coal Board Act, 1947, Chapter 86, R.S. 1952. (English text).

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** May I ask the honourable leader if the first report tabled refers to the Columbia River?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** The first document I tabled was:

Report of operations under the International River Improvements Act for the year ended December 31, 1958, pursuant to section 11 of the said act, Chapter 47 of the Statutes of 1955.

I presume, therefore, that this is not the report my honourable friend has in mind.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** I shall be anxious to see that report.

## DIVORCE

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck,** Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 2 to 15, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

## PRIVATE BILLS

WATERLOO MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY—  
FIRST READING

**Hon. W. D. Euler** presented Bill S-4, to incorporate The Waterloo Mutual Insurance Company.

Bill read first time.

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

**Hon. Mr. Euler:** Thursday next.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
—FIRST READING

**Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan** presented Bill S-5, respecting The Canadian Medical Association.

Bill read first time.

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

**Hon. Mr. Sullivan:** Thursday next.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—  
DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, January 22, consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Pearson, seconded by Hon. Mr. Choquette, for an Address in reply thereto.

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine:** Honourable senators, I am pleased to see in attendance on both sides of the chamber so many of my senator friends, all apparently in the best of health. I feel that all of you are ready, willing, able and anxious to get down to work and do your usual good job.

The honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) was kind enough, when speaking last Thursday, to refer very generously to the three new senators who have just been summoned to and become members of this chamber. I also wish to welcome them and to say a few words with regard to each of them.

I have known Senator Hnatyshyn for, probably, 25 years, and believe that he will make a very valuable senator and do good work in this house. I would like to quote what the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* had to say about him after his appointment:

The Appointment of Mr. John Hnatyshyn, Q.C., as a Senator of Canada is a meritorious one and is so acclaimed in Saskatoon and beyond, and regardless of party affiliations and party considerations. The esteem in which Mr. Hnatyshyn is held is measured in large part by the fact that he is the president of the Saskatoon Bar Association. The underlying importance of his appointment to the Red Chamber is in the fact that Mr. Hnatyshyn is a native of the Ukraine, and his choice by Prime Minister Diefenbaker as the first of his race in Saskatchewan