

THE SENATE

Tuesday, December 11, 1979

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 2, 1979-80

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-29, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1980.

Bill read first time.

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

Senator Roblin, with leave of the Senate, moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

Motion agreed to.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Flynn tabled:

Budget-related paper entitled "Government of Canada Tax Expenditure Account—A conceptual analysis and account of tax preferences in the federal income and commodity tax system", dated December 1979, issued by the Department of Finance.

Report by the National Energy Board respecting the reasons for decision in the matter of applications under Part VI of the National Energy Board Act, dated November 1979.

Revised Capital Budget of The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, pursuant to section 70(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1979-3205, dated November 22, 1979, approving same.

Copies of Order in Council P.C. 1979-3356, dated December 6, 1979, appointing Mr. John Meisel as member and chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

Report on the administration of the *Canada Pension Plan* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 118, Chapter C-5, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of expenditures and administration in connection with the *Family Allowances Act* for the fiscal year

ended March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 14 of the said Act, Chapter F-1, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of expenditures and administration in connection with the *Old Age Security Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 26 of the said Act, Chapter O-6, R.S.C., 1970.

● (1400)

INCOME TAX

CREDIT IN RESPECT OF MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX—REPORT OF BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE TABLED AND PRINTED AS AN APPENDIX

Senator Hayden: Honourable senators, I desire to table the report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce on the subject matter of Bill C-20, to amend the Income Tax Act and to provide a tax credit in respect of mortgage interest and homeowner property tax. I would ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day to form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see appendix, p. 549)

● (1410)

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

MULTINATIONAL OIL CORPORATIONS—REQUEST FOR HIGHER SUBSIDY

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. A report on the front pages of a number of Canadian journals today is cause for a good deal of concern. May I quote from this report, which I understand is now on the wire services:

Despite record-breaking profits this year, Gulf and other oil giants are refusing to import costly crude which could offset any home heating oil and gas shortages this winter.

The report goes on to say:

A top federal energy adviser, who asked not to be identified, said Monday the refusals are all part of a plot