

THE SENATE

Thursday, June 3, 1971

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

CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West) has been substituted for that of Mr. Alexander on the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-242, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, and An Act to make provision for the retirement of members of the Senate.

Bill read first time.

Hon. Mr. Martin moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

RULES OF THE SENATE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

Hon. Hartland de M. Molson, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, presented the following report of the committee:

The Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, pursuant to Rule 67(1)(d), having examined the Rules of the Senate, recommends the following amendments:

1. Page 10, Rule 19: Strike out paragraphs (f) to (i) inclusive, and substitute therefor the following:
“(f) question period;
(g) orders of the day;
(h) inquiries;
(i) motions.”
2. Page 10, Rule 21: Strike out lines 1 and 2 thereof and substitute therefor the following:
“21. Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, orders of the day take precedence according to

priority as follows, precedence always being given to orders of the day relating to legislation under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d):”

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Molson: Honourable senators, I move that it be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(g), I move that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 8, 1971, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Honourable senators, there are some among us who felt that perhaps we should sit on Monday evening of next week rather than Tuesday, because as you know we are drawing to that period when we hope to have a summer recess. However, in reviewing the work that is before us and what we anticipate will come before us in the immediate future, we felt it would be better to sit at the usual time on Tuesday next. If need be, we could sit on Friday or we could sit on Monday, June 14. It did not seem appropriate to sit on Monday, June 7.

Motion agreed to.

STATUTORY ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS ACT AND PUBLIC OFFICERS ACT—QUESTIONS

Hon. Allister Grosart: Honourable senators, I have two questions to direct to the Leader of the Government. When he began to answer them the other day I thought for a moment that he had been reading my mail, until I recalled that I had given him notice. This is an unusual case of haste and speed on the part of the Leader of the Government in replying to questions, and I certainly commend him for it.

The two questions arise from amendments published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, dated Wednesday, May 26, 1971. The first question refers to SOR/71-199 under the heading, “Hazardous Products Act, Schedule to the Act, amended”.

In effect, I asked Senator Martin what was the reason for and the effect of the amendment to Part II of the schedule to the Hazardous Products Act, which was amended to include ceramics used for food storage. The reason I asked was that the schedule to that act was