

(For text of Third Report, see Appendix "B", p. 1227. For text of Fourth Report, see Appendix "C", p. 1230.)

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall these reports be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Hastings, reports placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

### PRIVATE BILL

YELLOWKNIFE ELECTRIC LTD.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Joan Neiman**, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, presented the following report:

Thursday, June 11, 1987

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

### EIGHTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the Bill S-10, An Act to revive Yellowknife Electric Ltd. and to provide for its continuance under the Canada Business Corporations Act, has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 2, 1987, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

JOAN B. NEIMAN  
*Chairman*

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

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

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Orville H. Phillips**, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), moved:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, June 16, 1987, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, I wonder if Senator Phillips would mind standing his motion until Senator Frith returns. I want to make sure that he is apprised of the proposal.

**Senator Phillips:** Yes.

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

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

## QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### CANADA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS

NATURAL GAS EXPORTS—U.S. REGULATORY COMMISSION'S DECISION—REQUEST FOR ANSWER

**Hon. H.A. Olson:** Honourable senators, I would like to ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate if he has a report that will be in the Delayed Answers today in reply to questions about the natural gas transportation charges that I raised the day before yesterday.

Honourable senators, I would also like to give notice that next Wednesday I will raise some questions about the Acreage Deficiency Program for 1987. I want the Leader of the Government in the Senate to know that I appreciate the reply I got yesterday that the payments for 1986 have finally been put in the mail. But we have not yet heard what the government intends to do with respect to this for 1987, bearing in mind that the price of wheat went down a further 18 per cent. I am not asking the question today, but I want him to know that next Wednesday I will.

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Honourable senators, I do not have anything under Delayed Answers, but I have some notes on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission matter.

My notes indicate that over the past six months four Canadian ministers and the Prime Minister have raised the issue with their American interlocutors as part of a coordinated collective effort to deal with this important issue. In addition, our embassy has pursued the matter vigorously. Despite our efforts, it appears that we have not succeeded.

The Canadian government is extremely disappointed at the FERC order agreed at the commission meeting on May 27. The ruling marks a serious setback in our joint efforts to move toward market-oriented energy trade, and runs counter to the joint undertaking on trade made by the President and Prime Minister at the Quebec Summit in March 1985.

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This decision will not serve the long-term trade objectives of either the Americans or Canadians, their major trading partners. The decision is particularly disturbing in light of our extensive mutual energy interests. The ruling interferes with contracts which had been freely negotiated in accordance with guidelines established by our two governments.

The implementation of the decision will extend U.S. regulation into Canada, with the resulting extraterritorial effect on Canadian toll design. This is inconsistent with the long history of acceptance of each other's regulatory practices.

### CANADA-FRANCE FISHERIES AND BOUNDARIES AGREEMENT

FRENCH EXPLORATION IN DISPUTED ZONE—ROLE OF PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations):** Honourable