

THE SENATE

Friday, December 16, 1966

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Hon. Maurice Bourget, P.C., Acting Speaker, in the Chair.

Prayers.

JOINT COMMITTEES

CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Acting Speaker informed the Senate that messages have been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Orange has been substituted for that of Mr. Isabelle on the Special Joint Committee on the Public Service; that the name of Mr. Brewin has been substituted for that of Mr. Fawcett on the Special Joint Committee on Immigration; and that the names of Messrs. Saltsman and Lamontagne have been substituted for those of Messrs. Scott (Danforth) and Duquet on the Special Joint Committee on Consumer Credit and Cost of Living.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Statutory Orders and Regulations published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, of Wednesday, December 14, 1966, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, Chapter 235, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

MEDICAL CARE BILL

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Hon. A. K. Hugessen, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report of the committee on Bill C-227, to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada towards the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans:

Your committee recommends that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of its proceedings on the said bill.

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

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: I move, with leave of the Senate, that the report be adopted now.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hugessen, for Hon. Mr. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered Bill C-227 to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada towards the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Alan Macnaughton: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that this bill be read the third time now.

Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan: Honourable senators, I pray the indulgence of the House for a few moments. I shall not be long.

It is better to have fought and lost than never to have fought at all. However, throughout life, praise God, I have had more wins than losses.

In all sincerity, I am greatly disturbed that this chamber of protectors of minority rights should easily dispose of this legislation. The honourable sponsor of this bill (Hon. Mr. Macnaughton) has commented on the shortage of doctors in this country. Well, I hope my prophecy will prove wrong, and that he will not see an exodus the like of which he never dreamed.

He mentioned other countries at the conclusion of the debate on second reading yesterday, namely, the United Kingdom, France, West Germany and Sweden. It has been my privilege to have visited each of those countries, and in them to have participated in seminars, to have lectured at scientific meetings, and to have performed surgical operations in an attempt to give what I had learned to others. I cannot accept his enthusiasm about the medical services rendered in those countries when compared to what we have today in Canada and in the United States of America. I suggest he read the Gundy report,