

appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and 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 "B", p. 1191.)

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

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

[Translation]

VISIT OF SENATE DELEGATION TO JAPAN

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Guy Charbonneau: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Tuesday next, June 16, 1987, I will call the attention of the Senate to the visit of a Senate delegation to Japan, from April 12 to 19, 1987, in response to an invitation from the Japanese House of Councillors.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès: Honourable senators, I give notice that tomorrow, Wednesday, June 10, 1987 I will move that the Sub-Committee on Training and Employment of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, have power to sit while the Senate is sitting on Monday, June 29, 1987, and that Rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AGRICULTURE

DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS TO WESTERN GRAIN FARMERS—DELAY IN PAYMENT OF SECOND INSTALMENT

Hon. H.A. Olson: Honourable senators, as I gave notice a few minutes ago, I would now like to ask the Leader of the Government in the Senate when the farmers in western Canada can expect the other 70 per cent of the grain acreage—or whatever other name it is called—payment. I am referring to the \$1 billion of which 30 per cent was paid, I believe, in January of this year. The other 70 per cent has not yet been paid.

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, the most recent information I have on that matter is that the cheques were to have been sent out early in June. I

acknowledge the fact that this is June 9, and I shall make inquiries later today to see exactly what the status of this matter is.

Senator Olson: I thank the Leader of the Government for that answer. I suppose there is no other supplementary question I can ask, since he has said that he will inquire. That's great, but I want to give him notice today that I will be asking the same question tomorrow. Some people have spent a very large part of that money for their spring seeding operations on the basis upon which the government promised it. The people to whom they owe that money for fuel and all of the other input costs are waiting, and this payment is approximately six weeks late. I hope that the minister will have an answer, but, while a reply is important, what is even more important is that the cheques get into the hands of the people who expect them as soon as possible.

DIEFENBAKER CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

FINANCIAL CRISIS—REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold: Honourable senators, it may surprise some of my colleagues across the way to know that a number of my warmest and best friends are members of their party. The one I honour most is the late Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, who, naturally, was from Saskatchewan and was one of our local heroes.

The question I want to raise involves the Diefenbaker Centre, which is located on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan. It was named after this illustrious son of the prairies, and is a very worthy museum, educational centre and recipient of many of the Diefenbaker memorabilia and other artifacts associated with his work.

The centre is facing a financial crisis, as it has since it opened in 1980. As I have said, it is part of the University of Saskatchewan, and that university has in recent years actually been funding the operation of the Diefenbaker Centre to almost the entire cost of the financing. Because of cut-backs in university funding, which I suppose go on in all provinces, and perhaps especially in Saskatchewan, the President of the university, Dr. Kristjanson, has indicated that there will be no further university funds available for this national shrine. The cost of operating the centre is \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year. I think it is shameful that the benefits of this important museum should be paid for by a university that has its own financial problems. Federal governments, both Liberal and Tory, have been asked to support this national institution. Each has found reasons for not doing so. I now have to advise honourable senators that the centre is in danger of closing—that has been made clear by the President of the university. In my opinion it would be shameful if that fine institution closed for lack of federal support. Surely we have enough interest and pride in our former prime ministers and in our local heroes that we can support, in a modest way, the cost of that centre.

My question to the Leader of the Government in the Senate is this: Would he and his cabinet colleagues review once again