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[English]

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

WESTERN CANADA—DROUGHT CONDITIONS—REPORT OF
COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Efstathios William Barootes, for Hon. Dan Hays, chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, presented the following report:

Tuesday, May 31, 1988

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry has the honour to present its

EIGHTH REPORT

In compliance with the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 1988, your Committee has heard a good overview of the drought conditions in Western Canada by the Minister of Agriculture and his officials.

Your Committee, recognizing the serious nature of the drought and its damage to Canadian livestock producers, recommends that prompt action be taken by the federal government to provide relief in the form of:

1. transportation assistance to pay a portion of the costs of transporting forage to drought-affected areas;
2. transportation assistance to pay a portion of the costs of moving livestock to and from any available grazing areas; and
3. transportation assistance to pay a portion of the costs of transporting water to areas affected by the drought.

The extent of federal transportation assistance should be at least equal to that under the 1980-81 Herd Maintenance Assistance Program and should be determined in conjunction with the provincial governments.

Further, your Committee recommends that

4. a special deferred income tax arrangement be implemented. This arrangement would allow livestock producers to sell their livestock inventory and then to repurchase the same dollar amount of inventory, within a reasonable time frame, with special tax treatment. The sale proceeds from livestock inventory sold due to drought conditions would be considered as taxable income in the year in which the livestock inventory is repurchased.

Your Committee recommends that the federal government give urgent consideration to such initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

E.W. BAROOTES
for
DANIEL HAYS
Chairman

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

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

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BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MESSAGE FROM
COMMONS AND MOTION FOR NON-INSISTENCE UPON SENATE
AMENDMENTS PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. Richard J. Doyle: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the twenty-fifth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, concerning the motion of the Honourable Senator Doyle dated May 18, 1988, and the message from the House of Commons dated May 17, 1988, relating to certain amendments to Bill C-60, to amend the Copyright Act and to amend other acts in consequence thereof. I do so in the absence of the chairman of the committee, Senator Sinclair.

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and the *Minutes of the Proceedings 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. 3545.)

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

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

[Translation]

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

TENTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders, presented the following report:

Tuesday, May 31, 1988

The Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders has the honour to present its

TENTH REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 67(1)(f) of the *Rules of the Senate of Canada*, your Committee recommends that Rule 67(1) of the *Rules of the Senate of Canada* be amended by striking out paragraph (g) and substituting the following:

“(g) The Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, composed of fifteen members, four of whom shall constitute a quorum, which is authorized on its own initiative to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate.”

Respectfully submitted,