

**Senator Bosa:** Honourable senators, I would be very pleased to do as the leader has suggested, if I knew who has the prerogative of calling a meeting of the committee. If I had that prerogative I would raise this matter directly with that person. I put the question to the Leader of the Government in the hope that somebody will take notice of this matter and call a meeting to discuss this very important aspect of the administration of the Parliamentary Restaurant.

**Senator Roblin:** My honourable friend will have to apply to the Speaker of the Senate with respect to this matter. It does not come within my jurisdiction.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**Hon. Joan Neiman:** Honourable senators, I have a supplementary question for the Leader of the Government. Yesterday, while looking at the list of standing, special and joint committees in Senate *Hansard* of December 6, under the Joint Committee of the Restaurant of Parliament I noticed that only the members of the Senate are listed and that there are no members listed from the House of Commons. After reviewing the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, I find that there is no provision for a joint committee on the Restaurant of Parliament. The book, which I have just returned to the Table, is dated December 1982. I have photocopies of the pertinent pages.

I am somewhat at a loss to understand what has happened to the Standing Joint Committee on the Restaurant of Parliament. Perhaps the leader would be good enough to get us some further information on the matter. Obviously, we in this chamber are operating under one set of rules or misapprehensions and those in the House of Commons are operating under another set of rules.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** I think my honourable friend is correct in what she says about the listed membership of this joint committee. I am looking at the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and I see only the names of senators there. Unfortunately, none of this comes within my purview. The honourable senator is applying to the wrong man. I think her query ought to be addressed to the Speaker of the Senate, who should be competent to deal with the point she has raised.

**Senator Neiman:** With respect, Senator Roblin, I am not sure if the Speaker of the Senate would be competent to give an answer on behalf of the Speaker of the House of Commons. However, he may be, and I stand to be corrected on that point. At this point, I simply want clarification as to why the rules of the House of Commons were apparently changed. Perhaps we were not apprised of this fact and thus continued appointing members to a joint committee which is no longer joint. I do not think that our Speaker can provide the answer on this matter.

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**Senator Roblin:** I think he is the best person to ask. It is true he cannot speak for the House of Commons; however, I think he is on speaking terms with the Speaker of the House of Commons and can raise your point with that gentleman. It

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really is not a matter for me to get into. I would like to help my honourable friend; however, I think she should talk to our Speaker about it.

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

##### MANDATE—PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE STUDY

**Hon. Joyce Fairbairn:** Honourable senators, earlier in Question Period one of my colleagues asked for information with respect to the formation of a special committee to look into certain questions regarding the CBC. I am wondering if the Leader of the Government in the Senate would put forward the suggestion that if such a committee were to be struck it might be struck as a joint committee. In this way senators could also take part in discussions with respect to the matter.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, that is an interesting idea and I will undertake to give it some consideration.

#### TRANSPORT

##### AIRPORT CAR RENTAL SERVICE—PARKING

**Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay:** Honourable senators, yesterday when I asked a question of the Leader of the Government with respect to a delayed answer, I believe he misunderstood me when I referred to a question I asked on December 5 last concerning car rental at airports and, more particularly, parking areas. My question made no reference to car rental agencies. The Honourable Leader of the Government referred me to the comments of the Minister of Transport in the other place and I read those comments thoroughly. I wish to bring to the attention of the government leader the fact that he made no reference to parking at all. I bring this matter to his attention today in order that I may receive an appropriate answer with respect to my question. I also draw his attention to a question I asked on November 28 last.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** I appreciate my honourable friend's bringing this matter to my notice. He is quite correct, I did misunderstand his question. I think I understand it now and I will try to obtain an answer for him.

#### SALTFISH ACT

##### BILL TO AMEND—THIRD READING

**Hon. C. William Doody** moved the third reading of Bill C-6, to amend the Saltfish Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3, 1984-85

##### SECOND READING

On the Order: