

THE SENATE

Friday, February 28, 1992

The Senate met at 9 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

AIRPORT TRANSFER (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL

THIRD READING—MOTION IN AMENDMENT—VOTE DEFERRED

Hon. William M. Kelly: Honourable senators, yesterday in accordance with rule 68(1) I deferred the vote on Bill C-15 until 5.30 today. I want to thank Senator Molgat and Senator Frith, who has always been a useful guide to me on how things should be done and how the rules read, for pointing out rule 68(3).

In accordance with rule 68(3) I would once again request a deferral of the vote until the next sitting day, which will be March 17, at 5.30 p.m.

Senator Haidasz: That is St. Patrick's Day. Surely we are not going to be here on St. Patrick's Day.

Senator Kelly: I certainly will on a day as fine as that, and I invite all senators to be with me.

Senator Frith: What better place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

SENATORS' STATEMENTS

GENERAL ELECTION

NUMBER OF DAYS LEFT IN CURRENT TERM

Hon. Royce Frith: Honourable senators, if Senator Murray's democracy-respecting government is the one that counts, its extinction is now 267 days away. However, if it is Senator Murray's cowardly and contemptuous-of-democracy government that Canadians must deal with, there will be 653 days to judgment day.

[Translation]

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES XVI

CONGRATULATIONS TO MYRIAM BÉDARD

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, yesterday our colleague, Senator Lavoie-Roux, praised athletes and their coaches who represented Canada at the Olympic Games in Albertville, and that praise was well deserved.

Today, I would like to pay tribute to one specific athlete. I am referring to Myriam Bédard, the young woman who won

the bronze in the biathlon. The reason I singled out this young woman in particular is that Senator Marshall and I often talked about army cadets in this chamber, and in fact, Miss Bédard did all her training for the biathlon with the Army Cadet League.

She initially enrolled in the cadet corps at Val-Cartier, where she soon excelled as a cadet. She took the special introductory course in Arctic living in Pangnirtung, NWT. She attended the camp in Banff, where only the best cadets from all over the country are sent. In addition to being part of this group, she was not only one of those selected, she was also selected as the best cadet at the camp, winning the cadet league's centennial medal.

My point is to demonstrate how important it is to maintain the funding for an organization that provides the ultimate in training for young people in this country, and to stress the tangible results of the work done by the cadet corps. I have nothing but praise for all those who participate or have participated on the military side and for all young people who belong to the Canadian cadet organization, and I again wish to congratulate Miss Bédard on her success.

[English]

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE SERVICES

Hon. Michael Kirby: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Tuesday, March 17, 1992, I will move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of its examination and consideration of such bills, subject-matters of bills and estimates as are referred to it.

PRIVILEGES, STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROPRIETY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE SENATE

Hon. Stanley Haidasz, pursuant to notice of February 27, 1992, moved:

That the Standing Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders be authorized to consider the propriety and constitutionality of the changes and amendments to the *Rules of the Senate*, adopted by the Senate on June 18, 1991; and

That the committee report no later than June 11, 1992.