

Minutes of Proceedings

Science

Evidence

Thursday, May 18, 1972.

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Pursuant to notice, the Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science met this day at 9.13 p.m.

Present: The Honourable Senators Cameron, Carter, Fergusson, Flynn, Hastings, Inman, Lamontagne, Macdonald, Martin, McGrand, Phillips, Quart and Thompson. (13)

Present, but not of the Committee: The Honourable Senators Benidickson, Forsey, Grosart, Isnor, Kickham, Lafond, Langlois and McNamara. (8)

In attendance: E. Russell Hopkins, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

On Motion of the Honourable Senator Cameron, it was Resolved to print 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of the Proceedings of this Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-207 "An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act".

The following witnesses were heard in explanation of the Bill:

Department of National Health and Welfare:

Dr. J. W. Willard,
Deputy Minister, (Welfare);

Mr. J. B. Bergevin,
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (Operations);

Mr. J. A. Blais,
Assistant Deputy Minister (Income Security).

Department of Supply and Service:

Mr. D. R. Yeomans,
Assistant Deputy Minister (Operational Services).

During the question period that followed the Honourable Senator Phillips moved:

That representatives of IBM be summoned before the Committee to testify if the Company had advised the officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare that IBM had to be notified not later than May 19, 1972, of the increase in the Old Age Pension, in order that the pensioners could receive their cheques by the end of June.

After debate, the motion was defeated on division.

On Motion duly put it was Resolved to report the said Bill without amendment.

At 10.58 the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Attest:

Patrick J. Savoie,
Clerk of the Committee.