

steps along the path of reform. Further changes, we can all feel sure, will take place over a period of time.

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Perhaps most of us in the Senate can agree, and all of the political parties can agree generally, that this bill represents an improvement. I thank honourable senators for the constructive comments they have made, and I pledge that a transcript of today's Senate proceedings will be brought to the attention of the appropriate offices. The views of honourable senators on this important matter of electoral reform deserve to be better known. Some of the ideas are obviously excellent.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I move that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

JUSTICE

NEWFOUNDLAND—JURISDICTION OVER OFFSHORE
RESOURCES—REFERENCE TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA—
ORDER STANDS

On the order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Lang, seconded by the Honourable Senator Asselin, P.C.:

That the Senate deplors the decision of the Government of Canada to refer to the Supreme Court of Canada the question of jurisdiction over the seabed resources off Newfoundland, called Hibernia, while at the same time the Appeal Court of Newfoundland is seized with the matter that includes this very question.—(*Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C.*)

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): I ask that this order stand until the next sitting.

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Will Senator Perrault tell us whether he intends to speak tomorrow?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I plan to speak tomorrow. I had hoped to speak today, but it is somewhat late now.

Senator Flynn: That is fine, as long as we know that you are speaking tomorrow.

Order stands.

PRIVATE BILL

THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA—
MESSAGE FROM COMMONS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons returning Bill S-25, respecting The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, and acquainting the Senate that they had passed the bill without amendment.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.