

THE SENATE

Tuesday, June 29, 1971

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald tabled:

Report of the President of the National Research Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 16(3) of the National Research Council Act, chapter 239, R.S.C., 1952, as amended 1966-67.

Report of the Army Benevolent Fund Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 13 of the Army Benevolent Fund Act, chapter 10, R.S.C., 1952, including its accounts and financial statements certified by the Auditor General.

Report of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, pursuant to section 31 of the Broadcasting Act, chapter 25, Statutes of Canada, 1967-68.

Copies of the text of a proposed Order in Council authorizing the issuance of a proclamation for the establishment of a Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, pursuant to sections 14 and 15 of the Ministries and Ministers of State Act, Part IV of chapter 42, Statutes of Canada, 1970-71.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES TABLED

Hon. John B. Aird, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, tabled the final report of special expenses incurred by the committee in connection with its inquiry respecting the Caribbean area during the First and Second Sessions of the Twenty-eighth Parliament.

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald, for **Hon. Mr. Hayden**, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, reported that the committee had considered Bill C-239, to amend the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Hazen Argue: Honourable senators, I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

NORTHERN OIL AND GAS

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION STUDY URGED— REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Hon. J. Campbell Haig, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications reported that the committee had considered the subject matter of a motion respecting Trans-Alaska pipeline and tanker projects and reports as follows:

Your committee recommends:

That the Senate oppose the Trans-Alaska pipeline and tanker project and urge the Government to proceed with the various economical and ecological feasibility studies of alternate routes and to report from time to time upon the most appropriate steps that in the Government's opinion may from time to time be taken to accomplish the prudent and efficient transportation of northern oil and gas.

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

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that the report be taken into consideration now.

The Hon. the Speaker: Has the honourable Senator Haig leave to proceed with this motion?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Hazen Argue: Honourable senators, before the question is put I should like to say a few words. I am exceedingly pleased that the Senate has before it this unanimous report of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, and I want to thank the members of that committee for their co-operation. At our first meeting we had great difficulty in getting a quorum. Last night, on behalf of the Whip, I did my best to organize a quorum for the committee meeting when the house rose, and we had a wonderful attendance. My only problem was that I was on the telephone at the time and did not hear the bell, so I missed the committee, which produced a very good motion without my presence.

I should like to say a few words at this time, because I think this is an important occasion for the Senate and for Canada. I am confident that today will mark a major milestone in Canadian parliamentary action. I trust that the Senate of Canada will unanimously support the report now before us opposing the Trans-Alaska pipeline, just as the other place last Wednesday unanimously sup-