

THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 5, 1957

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

OLD AGE SECURITY BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill 19, to amend the Old Age Security Act.

The bill was read the first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Monette: Honourable senators, I move, with leave, that this bill be placed on the Order Paper for second reading tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Am I to understand that the second reading of this bill will be the first item of business tomorrow?

Hon. Mr. Haig: No, I do not think so. It will be placed on the Order Paper for tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. W. M. Aseltine, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, presented the committee's second report.

The Clerk Assistant (reading):

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts make their second report as follows:

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I suggest we dispense with the reading of this report. It will appear in the *Minutes of the Proceedings* tomorrow, and all senators will then have an opportunity to examine it carefully.

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

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Next sitting.

DIVORCE

BILLS—FIRST READINGS

Hon. F. W. Gershaw, for Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the following bills:

Bill X, for the relief of Elizabeth Dermer Boyd.

Bill Y, for the relief of Clarice Mendell Uditsky.

Bill Z, for the relief of Dorothy Elizabeth Allen Bellenger.

Bill A-1, for the relief of Mildred Weiner Gordon.

Bill B-1, for the relief of Theresa Mary Moran Redmond Cooke.

Bill C-1, for the relief of Siegmund Paul Fritz Matthes.

Bill D-1, for the relief of Lillian Boyce Suttner.

Bill E-1, for the relief of Helen May Verner Joyce.

Bill F-1, for the relief of Lila Redmond McCorrison.

Bill G-1, for the relief of Phyllis Freda Sabbath Isaacson.

Bill H-1, for the relief of Marguerite Lavoie Jolin.

Bill I-1, for the relief of Margaret Lillian Mackenzie Smallwood.

Bill J-1, for the relief of Edith Elizabeth Altherr Thompson.

The bills were read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Gershaw: Thursday next.

PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS BILL

SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Aseltine for the second reading of Bill 14, to provide for advance payments for prairie grain prior to delivery thereof.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Last evening we listened in this chamber to two honourable senators, both of whom, it can be said, are experts not only on the sale and disposal but on the growing of wheat. I do not presume to any knowledge concerning the growing of wheat, nor can I claim any expert knowledge of how it should be sold or otherwise disposed of. However, in the eighteen years during which I was in the House of Commons not a session went by but the subject of the sale and disposition of wheat was discussed, so I am not entirely ignorant about a matter which means so much to Canada.

I was very pleased, as no doubt were all honourable senators, to hear the honourable senators from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) and Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar) discuss the bill whose second reading is now under