

Senator Roblin: I am sorry, but I have handed all the delayed answers in.

Senator Corbin: Honourable senators, what is the point of the Leader of the Government saying that he is prepared to read them and not waiting to see if there is a request to have them read aloud?

Senator Roblin: The point is: If my honourable friend had asked at the time I had the answer in my hand, I would have been pleased to oblige, but he has left it a little late.

Senator Corbin: Honourable senators, I took the first opportunity to rise. The honourable senator to my left rose before me, and I thought he should have been heard then. Perhaps the Leader of the Government should put on the brakes once in a while.

Senator Roblin: The next time I will read them.

HUMAN RIGHTS

MEETING OF EXPERTS—DESIRABILITY OF SENATE PARTICIPATION—DEBATE CONCLUDED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the inquiry of the Honourable Senator Haidasz, P.C., calling the attention of the Senate to the desirability of its participation in the preparations for and deliberations of the special meeting of experts on human rights, which is to be held in Ottawa, April 23rd to mid-June, 1985, as directed in the concluding document of the Madrid Review Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.—(*Honourable Senator Doody*).

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I adjourned this debate in my own name in the event that some other senators might wish to participate. Since no one has come forward and since no one

wishes to debate the matter further, I believe this inquiry should be considered debated.

The Hon. the Speaker: As no other honourable senator wishes to participate in the debate, this inquiry is considered as having been debated.

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NATIONAL FINANCE

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO STUDY FEDERAL BUDGETARY DEFICITS WITHDRAWN

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Leblanc (*Saurel*), seconded by the Honourable Senator Kelly:

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be authorized to examine and report upon the magnitude and the impact of federal budgetary deficits and the associated public debt and that it consider appropriate policies relating to these deficits;

That the Committee have power to engage the services of such professional, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the said examination; and

That the Committee have power to sit during adjournments of the Senate.

Hon. Fernand-E. Leblanc: Honourable senators, about that motion I tabled on December 19, 1984, I would like to avail myself of rule 23, which reads as follows:

A senator who has made a motion or presented an inquiry may withdraw or modify the same by leave of the Senate.

So, with leave of the Senate, I would like to withdraw that motion.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is that agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Order withdrawn.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.