

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 4, 1952

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

**Hon. J. A. McDonald** presented the report of the Committee of Selection.

*The Report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:*

The Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees for the present session, have the honour to report herewith the following list of senators selected by them to serve on the Standing Committees on Divorce and Natural Resources, namely:

#### DIVORCE

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Baird, Campbell, Euler, Farris, Fogo, Gershaw, Golding, (x) Haig, Horner, Howard, Howden, Hugessen, Kinley, (x) Robertson, Roebuck, Ross and Stevenson. (16). (x) Ex officio member.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Barbour, Basha, Beaubien, Bouffard, Burchill, Comeau, Crerar, Davies, Dessureault, Duffus, Dupuis, Farquhar, Fraser, (x) Haig, Hawkins, Hayden, Horner, Hurtubise, Kinley, MacKinnon, McDonald, McIntyre, McKeen, McLean, Nicol, Paterson, Petten, Pirie, (x) Robertson, Raymond, Ross, Stambaugh, Stevenson, Taylor, Turgeon, Vallancourt and Wood. (36). (x) Ex officio member.

Honourable senators, the purpose of the appointment at this time of members to these two committees is to allow the Divorce Committee to begin its work soon, and to organize the Natural Resources Committee, so that a measure which is now being considered in the other place may be referred to it. I would point out that the honourable leaders on both sides of the house have been appointed members *ex officio* of these committees.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** When shall this report be taken into consideration?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, it has been the custom to let the report of this committee stand for a day in order that it may be printed and then considered. As the Chairman of the Committee of Selection has said, for lack of time we did not undertake to strike the other committees, but we were anxious to have the Divorce Committee set up so that it could immediately consider its program, and in view of the possibility that the Senate might wish to refer to the Natural Resources Committee legislation which may come before us, it was thought desirable to have that committee in being. I do not know that there is so much urgency as to require action this evening, but we

could deal with the motion now if that course is agreeable to the honourable the acting leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) and to other honourable members.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Put the motion now.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** With leave, I move that the report be now concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

#### MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate I move:

That the senators mentioned in the report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the Standing Committees on Divorce and Natural Resources during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the said committees to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time.

The motion was agreed to.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, in order to follow a precedent set the last time a reigning British sovereign died, I suggest that we confine ourselves this evening to the disposal of the two motions which appear on our Order Paper. Tomorrow we can proceed with the speeches by the mover and seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. On Thursday, the Senate can pay tribute to the memory of our two late colleagues, and consider certain legislation now before the other house, which in all probability will be sent to us between now and Thursday.

I also want to suggest to honourable senators that between now and Easter, which is about six weeks hence, the Senate sit on Tuesday nights and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, unless from time to time it is deemed advisable to do otherwise. This will give the Divorce Committee, or any other committee that may be sitting, ample opportunity to concentrate on its work in the early and latter parts of the week.

### THE LATE KING GEORGE VI

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY AND LOYALTY TO  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II—  
MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO HER  
MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable the acting leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Aseltine):

Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the following words:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:  
Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, respectfully desire to express our deep sympathy to Your