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Hon. Paul Martin tabled:

Report of the Public Service Commission of Canada for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 45 of the Public Service Employment Act, chapter 71, Statutes of Canada, 1966-67.

Report of the Public Service Commission on Delegation of Staffing Authority for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 45 of the Public Service Employment Act, chapter 71, Statutes of Canada, 1966-67.

Report of the Public Service Commission on Positions or Persons excluded from the operation of the Public Service Employment Act for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 45 of the said Act, chapter 71, Statutes of Canada, 1966-67.

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Auditor General's reports to the Solicitor General on the examination of the accounts and financial statements of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Dependants) Pension Fund for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1969 and 1970, pursuant to section 88(4) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, chapter 241, R.S.C., 1952.

Copies of Joint Communiqué on the visit to the USSR of the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, May 17-28, 1971.

Report on the operations of the Exchange Fund Account, together with the Auditor General's report on the audit of the Account, for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to sections 26 and 27(2) of the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, chapter 315, R.S.C., 1952.

THE SENATE

PARKING FACILITIES FOR SENATORS—QUESTION

Hon. Paul Desruisseaux: Honourable senators, in former days there was a very honourable senator here who every now and again raised points which he thought would be useful to the Senate. I am referring to Senator Jean-François Pouliot. I do not intend to take his place in raising issues in this house, but tonight I want to refer to a memorandum which is on my desk. It is addressed to all senators, and reads as follows:

I have been asked by the Committee of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to inform honourable senators that no parking will be available for their guests, on the Senate sitting days, due to lack of space.

This brings up a question I have had in mind for a long time. I never could understand why so much money is

[The Hon. the Speaker.]

spent on the grounds here without taking into consideration one of the necessities of these days, parking. I ask the honourable Leader of the Government whether he could inform himself as to the future use of these grounds. Will we have parking of any sort at any time? This is not a small privilege that is being taken away from us.

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I do not believe that it is my responsibility but, on the assumption that it is, I will take this question as notice and see if I can provide a satisfactory answer to Senator Desruisseaux as soon as possible. I also am concerned sometimes with respect to parking.

Hon. Mr. Desruisseaux: I would ask the honourable leader what procedure I should follow here? Who should I ask?

Hon. Mr. Martin: I think you asked the right person.

Hon. Donald Smith: Honourable senators, I suppose I will be putting my neck in a noose if I rise at this point, but I do so in order to inform my honourable friend across the way as to what led to the decision which he and all other honourable senators received in the mail today.

We have had complaints about the need for parking space for members of the Senate. One such complaint was expressed in the chamber not long ago by one of our colleagues. He said he never could find a place to park when he came here on Tuesday evening to attend the Senate. One reason for the scarcity was that up to that time some senators had been able to obtain special parking privileges for their guests who were attending a reception or coming to dinner.

This subject was discussed at some length at the meeting of the Internal Economy Committee last week. The official in charge of our parking explained the situation. As I recall, it was agreed without any dissenting voice that on those days when the Senate sits, due to lack of parking space, senators would be requested not to ask for special parking privileges for their guests. This is only for the convenience of senators and certainly not to promote their inconvenience. There are three other days in the week when senators may have the privilege of getting parking space for their guests, but when the house is sitting there is just not that much space available.

Hon. Mr. Beaubien: There is a lot of space on the hill.

Hon. Mr. Smith: There are many cars on the hill also.

Hon. Mr. Beaubien: Why are so few spaces allotted to senators out of all the parking space on the hill? When walking by the East Block in the winter we have to walk in the middle of the road. Cars are parked all over the sidewalk. Why have we been allotted such a small area for parking? That is the question.

Hon. Mr. Smith: I have a very simple answer to that. I agree with my honourable friend that the space is small, but we have about twice as much as we had a few years ago. Within the last few weeks we have been allotted six