

to provide for payments in respect of exploration for or development of lands for the production of hydrocarbons in Canada other than coal.

Bill read first time.

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

On motion of Senator Phillips, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday next, June 16, 1987.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

EFFECT OF PROPOSED PATENT ACT AMENDMENT— PRESENTATION OF PETITION

Hon. H.A. Olson: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the following petition:

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE OF CANADA, IN
PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your Petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefore provide a remedy,

HUMBLY SHEWETH

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the Patent Act will affect directly all Canadians who are not protected by private or governmental medicare programs, and

WHEREAS the federal government's proposals will raise the cost, already high of the provincial health-care programs, and

WHEREAS the monopoly granted to innovative pharmaceutical companies will prevent competition from generic companies and will result in an increase of drug cost and prices and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs, and,

WHEREAS the proposed changes to the Patent Act are another example of the Canadian government's concession in the Free Trade negotiations with the United States, at the expense of everyday Canadians.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Date: June 3, 1987

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PRIVATE BILL

WINDSOR-DETROIT TUNNEL—FIRST READING

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) presented Bill S-11, to authorize the City of Windsor to acquire, operate and dispose of the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel.

Bill read first time.

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

On motion of Senator Frith, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Tuesday next, June 16, 1987.

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

FOURTEENTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. Ian Sinclair: Honourable senators, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce has the honour to present its Fourteenth Report respecting power to incur special expenses pursuant to the procedural guidelines for the financial operation of Senate committees.

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and that it form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report, see Appendix "A", p. 1224.)

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

On motion of Senator Sinclair, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

THIRD AND FOURTH REPORTS OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDICES

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, the Standing Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has the honour to present its Third and Fourth Reports respecting power to incur special expenses pursuant to the procedural guidelines and the financial operation of Senate committees.

I ask that each report be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.