

That when the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples is established, it be authorized to examine and report upon the treatment of aboriginal veterans following the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War; and

That the committee present its report no later than September 15, 1994.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

NINETIETH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Peter Bosa: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Tuesday, February 8, 1994, I will call the attention of the Senate to the Ninetieth Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference held in Canberra, Australia from September 13 to 18, 1993.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE FOR GLOBAL PROSPERITY, OTTAWA, CANADA—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Peter Bosa: Honourable senators, I give notice that on February 8, 1994, I will call the attention of the Senate to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference on the North-South Dialogue for Global Prosperity held in Ottawa between October 18 and 22, 1993.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

PROPOSED AGENDA

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, before Orders of the Day are called, perhaps senators would be interested in knowing what the likely course of business will be.

We have canvassed as best we can what the situation will be in the other place, and what we might expect here. I cannot give any guarantees, but it looks as though there will not be anything received here in the immediate future. Therefore, when we adjourn tomorrow I will be proposing that we adjourn until February 8. I thought I would make this announcement today in order to oblige some honourable senators who may have plans to make.

Thereafter, I expect that we will be sitting steadily for some period. I am hopeful that we can achieve more predictability in our sittings, as Senator Lynch-Staunton and I tried to do last year, and that would accommodate everyone. In any event, we will be working on that. It will require the cooperation of both sides, but I think we can arrive at some arrangement.

In any event, we will be adjourning tomorrow until February 8.

[Translation]

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès, seconded by the Honourable Senator Cools, moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Military Merit, One of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

[English]

He said: Honourable senators, it is my great privilege to address you in order to move the acceptance of the Speech from the Throne, read in this house yesterday by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn.

• (1420)

This speech reflects what every candidate in the last general election and every senator heard on the hustings, from voters of every party: a desire on the part of Canadians for integrity in government; for honesty and transparency in what the people are told by each elected politician; a will for the voters to be heard and for elected representatives to be more than automatic supporters of their party's line. No member of this house would disagree with the voters on these issues; neither does the government disagree, for, as we have heard, the government intends to do the will of the people.

On the hustings, candidates of all parties further heard that Canadians want their country to be managed frugally and responsibly; but they also want it to be a land of economic opportunity, a land of hope. And there must be hope for all, for those who have found it easy to hope, and for those whom hope has eluded for too long.

[Translation]

Canadians made it clear during the election campaign that their country must ensure that no one is deprived of essential