OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1969.

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Prayers.

Mr. Watson, from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Between September 3 and 6, 1969, eleven members of your Committee visited the Canadian Arctic to welcome the Humble Oil Company's ice breaking tanker, the S.S. Manhattan, to the waters of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago and to demonstrate the Canadian interest in its voyage through the Northwest Passage. On September 5, 1969, members of your Committee, aboard a Canadian Armed Forces aircraft, welcomed the S.S. Manhattan at the entrance to Lancaster Sound by radioing over the Chairman's signature the following message:

CAPTAIN ROGER STEWART S.S. MANHATTAN

YOUR DARING VOYAGE THROUGH THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO WILL STIR THE IMAGINATION OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ARCTIC DEVELOP-MENT.

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WELCOME TO CANADIAN WATERS.

WE WISH YOU GOD SPEED. BON VOYAGE.

Members of the Committee, during their visit, also had an opportunity for discussion with experts in the oil transportation industry and talked with some of Canada's most expert ice breaker marine officers, as well as the transportation officers responsible for Pan Arctic's shipping operations in the Melville