

record today with regard to this report the speech of Senator van Roggen and the speech of Senator Nurgitz, and their positions are quite clear. However, it occurred to me that some other senators might want to indicate their support or non-support of this report, from either side, because, if I understand the situation correctly, the report was adopted by the committee on a bi-partisan vote, that is, the committee did not divide on party lines. We do not want, I hope, to leave the impression that if there is any dissension it is in party lines. In fact, the abstentions were bi-partisan as well, if we understand Senator Nurgitz correctly.

So I raise that question to see if someone else would like to speak to it today. Then, of course, we will grant Senator Nurgitz his adjournment of the debate, unless anyone wants to deny that what I said about the bi-partisan nature of the report is correct.

**Senator Flynn:** Question!

On motion of Senator Nurgitz, debate adjourned.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES POLICY AND PROGRAMS

SECOND REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

**Hon. Dalia Wood:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the Second Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages Policy and Programs.

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings 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.

(For text of report see Appendix B, p. 1163.)

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

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

### AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION ACT

REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-25 TABLED

**Hon. Jack Marshall,** Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, tabled the following report:

Your Committee, to which was referred the subject-matter of the Bill C-25, intituled: "An Act to amend the Agricultural Stabilization Act", in advance of the said Bill coming before the Senate or any matter relating thereto, has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 12, 1985, examined the said subject-matter and reports as follows:

That your Committee agrees in principle with the intent of the legislation, to rationalize the price stabiliza-

tion of agricultural commodities, but believes that the proposals can have an adverse effect on producers of certain commodities in certain regions. Furthermore, your Committee is concerned by the fact that while the intent of this legislation is aimed at rationalization within the industry, decisions impinging on the agricultural industry made by other departments, can have the effect of weakening the intent of the legislation under consideration.

Your Committee would appreciate the opportunity of studying the legislation further when the Bill comes before the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK MARSHALL  
Chairman

### QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### THE BUDGET

IMPACT OF CUTS ON AGRICULTURE

**Hon. H. A. Olson:** Honourable senators, I should like to direct a question to the Leader of the Government respecting some matters that we have been asking questions on for a number of days, but to which we had not had answers. I hope he can provide the answer today. If not, I certainly hope he will be able to give the answer before we adjourn for the summer.

We were notified when the budget came down that there would be a further \$50 million cut to the Department of Agriculture. The problem is that that is as far as it has gone. As far as I know, they have not identified what is going to be cut, so we do not know whether it is the dairy program that is going to be reduced by \$50 million, or some portion thereof, or the Crop Insurance Program. I tried to get some answers from the Leader of the Government and from Senator Balfour when that matter was brought in here, but there is no answer as to whether or not they are going to load part of the cost of these programs on to the producers, the research program, the inspection service of the Department of Agriculture, or whatever. What happens is that all these groups are apprehensive about where the cuts are going to be made, because while the announcement of the cut has been made, where it will take effect has not been specifically identified.

I should like to ask the Leader of the Government if he could tell us today, or if not, if he could give an undertaking to give a reply before the recess begins, specifically where these cuts will be made.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I have to make the observation that I do not think that is the kind of question that can be dealt with adequately