

mercial airlines is invited to participate in the development of new aviation programs and policies.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-15, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974, and Bill C-16, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31 March, 1975.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

● (1800)

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication:

Government House
Ottawa, March 28, 1974

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Bora Laskin, P.C., Q.C., Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, March 28, 1974, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
André Garneau
Brigadier General
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by Major Vandelac, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

● (1810)

[English]

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

Bill C-15, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31 March, 1974—Chapter 1.

Bill C-16, an act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1975—Chapter 2.

Veterans Land Act

Mr. Speaker: May I suggest to the House that before we rise for the six o'clock adjournment we resume in committee of the whole. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I therefore leave the chair for the House to resume in committee of the whole.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

VETERANS LAND ACT

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND DEADLINE FROM MARCH 31, 1974 TO
MARCH 31, 1975

The House resumed consideration in committee of Bill C-17—Mr. Boulanger in the chair.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock.

At 6.14 p.m. the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 8 p.m.

On clause 1—*Terminal dates for sale, advance, loan or grant.*

[English]

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, before the supper break I was pointing out that much of the good legislation that applies to the Farm Credit Corporation is the result of the excellent work that was done for veterans legislation in the area of agriculture. Prior to that, the legislation for farm credit was so bad and the Farm Loan Board had got into so much trouble that the ideas behind the Veterans Land Act were applied to new legislation for the Farm Credit Corporation. I was also pointing out that there was a lesson in the VLA and the small holding legislation that could be applied to the housing situation. There are a number of features in the legislation that would have done a great deal not only for veterans but for all Canadians. While there are some advantages for veterans, one of the major clauses provides that veterans must make Canada their full-time residence and they must be residents for a period of ten years. This of course, applies to other things as well.

One of the sad things about the legislation before us is that it probably covers the least that could be done. I know that is not what the minister intends and I am sure it is not what the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe intended. I think it is safe to say that it is not what any member of this House wants for veterans under the VLA. If the bill included three major things it would probably receive quick passage tonight.

In my opinion, Mr. Chairman, dates should be totally removed from the bill. As I pointed out before, I was one