

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.
Motion agreed to.

SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATION BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-309, respecting the domestic and industrial use of solar energy.

Bill read first time.

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

Senator Forsey moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

THE HONOURABLE JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN THE HONOURABLE JAMES J. DUGGAN THE HONOURABLE J. CAMPBELL HAIG

FELICITATIONS ON RETURN TO CHAMBER

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, may I say how pleased all of us are to welcome back to our midst three distinguished senators, Senator Sullivan, Senator Duggan and Senator Haig, who have suffered from health setbacks in recent weeks and now appear to be restored to good health. All three of these distinguished senators make important contributions to our deliberations and we are most glad to have them back.

May I say that we extend our good wishes to each of the senators who were officially declared senators this evening. We wish them long and productive careers in this chamber. We know that they will make a constructive contribution to the work of Parliament.

Senator Grosart: Will the leader permit me to comment on the statement he has just made? Honourable senators will understand if I say on behalf of all the official opposition, that while we welcome back the three senators who have been mentioned, we particularly welcome Senator Sullivan and Senator Haig. They will make a particularly welcome continuing contribution to our work on this side of the house, especially in view of the fact that the Prime Minister has once again found it necessary to send much needed reinforcements to the government side.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Grosart: We welcome the new senators, of course, and realize how necessary the additional strength is to the government side.

I might also say that Senator Sullivan has not only recovered in time to provide us with his usual assistance, but also in

time to receive another of the many great distinctions he has received in his professional career. On May 10, I am informed, he will be elected a Fellow Emeritus of the American Otological Society at its Eightieth Annual Meeting to be held in Boston.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Grosart: He is already a Senior Fellow of that society, and this will add another to the many international honours he has received.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, on the subject of Senate appointments—and I have expressed my views on this subject many times in the past—the ability to serve in this chamber is not restricted to any one political party. I can only commend to members of the opposition the words of Lord Tennyson in his work *Sir Galahad*:

My strength is as the strength of ten,

Because my heart is pure.

May I follow that with the well-known philosophical observation that all good things come to those who wait. We on this side certainly believe that the opposition requires strengthening, not because of any lack of ability on the part of its present members but because of the problems with which it is confronted, such as representation on the many committees of the Senate.

Senator Asselin: We have quality.

Senator Perrault: I can only urge the opposition to follow the procedures which have been established by the Prime Minister for the appointment of opposition senators and suggest the names of other members of that party, or indeed other opposition parties, who may be able to serve with distinction.

Senator Asselin: Jack Horner.

Senator Smith (Colchester): We will be able to fix that fairly soon.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Perrault tabled:

Copies of a statement, dated March 30, 1977, made by Ambassador William H. Barton, Permanent Representative of Canada to United Nations, during Security Council Debate on the Question of South Africa, issued by the Department of External Affairs.

Budget Papers, being Notices of Ways and Means Motions (1) to amend the Customs Tariff, (2) to amend the Income Tax Act, (3) to amend the Income Tax Application Rules, 1971, (4) to amend the Excise Tax Act, and supplementary tables relating to the budget.

Copies of "Budget Document: An elaboration by the Minister of Finance of the analysis and policies of the Budget, March 31, 1977".

Capital Budget of Canadian Arsenals Limited for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10,