

THE SENATE

Thursday, June 13, 1985

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

[Translation]

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, the following message has been received from the House of Commons:

Wednesday, June 12, 1985

Ordered,—That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider Canada's International Relations;

That the document entitled "Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations", Tabled on May 14, 1985 (Sessional Paper No. 331-4/10), be referred to the Committee;

That the Committee consider and report upon the issues discussed in the above-mentioned document and make recommendations in their report concerning the objectives and conduct of Canada's international relations;

That the following 12 Members of the House of Commons to act on behalf of the House as members of the said Committee be: Messrs. Axworthy, Chrétien, Crofton, Mrs. Duplessis, Messrs. Harvey, Hockin, Jardine, Miss Jewett, Messrs. Kempling, Langdon, Porter and Stackhouse;

That the Committee have the power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House;

That the Committee have the power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, and to print such papers and evidence from time to time as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff;

That the Committee have the power to adjourn from place to place inside Canada and that, when deemed necessary, the required staff accompany the Committee;

That a quorum of the Committee be seven members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, whenever 4 members are present, so long as both Houses are represented;

That the Committee submit an interim report on Canada's participation in research on the Strategic Defence Initiative and on Bilateral Trade with the United States no later than August 23, 1985;

That notwithstanding the usual practices of this House, if the House is not sitting when an interim or final report of the Committee is completed, that the Committee shall report its findings by depositing its report with the Clerk of the House and that it shall thereupon be deemed to have been laid upon the Table;

That the Committee present its final report no later than May 31, 1986; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

MICHAEL B. KIRBY

for the Clerk of the House of Commons

[English]

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government) moved, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(d), that the message be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

THE HONOURABLE HERBERT O. SPARROW

FELICITATIONS ON UNITED NATIONS AWARD

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, perhaps I could have leave to interrupt our proceedings for a moment to make reference to a very happy event that took place in New York City on June 5, when our colleague, Senator Sparrow, was awarded a medal by the United Nations Environmental Organization to commemorate, in an appreciative way, his leadership as Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, which is its present name, which prepared a report called "Soil at Risk."

"Soil at Risk" has been one of the best sellers when it comes to reports issued by committees of the Senate. It has had a very wide circulation, and we all have every hope that it will have an equally wide and pervasive influence on those who, either on the farm itself or in positions of technical or political