

THE SENATE

Wednesday, February 19, 1986

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

Prayers.

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS

REPORT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
ON SUBJECT MATTER TABLED

Hon. Léopold Langlois: Honourable senators, I have the honour to table the sixth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications. This is the final report on the subject matter of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1985-147, dated January 17, 1985.

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

[Translation]

YOUTH

REPORT OF SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE TABLED

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I take great pride today in tabling the report of the Special Senate Committee on Youth, a committee that was constituted on April 10, 1984, but later dissolved when the last general election was called.

[English]

Re-established on December 11, 1984, the committee received 256 briefs, hundreds of letters, and heard 335 witnesses in 11 cities.

[Translation]

I sincerely believe that the report will bring a glimmer of hope to a large part of our youth who are bordering on despair.

[English]

These 140 pages should induce the public will and then the political will necessary to put an end to the situation of a large segment of our youth in peril—a situation that the members of our committee, in a unanimous report, qualify as intolerable; that is, not to be tolerated any longer.

[Translation]

I want to thank the deputy chairman, my friend Senator Yuzyk, who has been a loyal, attentive and extremely efficient collaborator. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all members of the committee for the very substantial efforts they have made from the outset and for their truly personal contribution to the drafting of the report itself, and at this point I would also like to include our excellent researchers, our clerk and the many people who helped us.

Honourable senators, I have the honour of tabling the report of the Special Senate Committee on Youth: "Youth: a plan of action".

Honourable senators, I move that the report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

CANADA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS

BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—PARTICIPATION OF
PROVINCES—STATEMENT BY PREMIER OF ONTARIO

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I wonder whether the attention of the Leader of the Government has been drawn to the statement made yesterday by the Premier of Ontario on the subject of free trade talks. Is the Leader of the Government in a position to make any comment on what I consider to be some rather significant statements made by the Premier of Ontario on this important subject?

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, that has not yet come to my notice.

Senator MacEachen: Honourable senators, I do not complain that the report has not come to the attention of the Leader of the Government, but I wonder whether the government might have given some consideration to the proposal made by Premier Peterson that now is the time for the provinces and the federal government to come together on making specific proposals for the trade talks and to move the debate from rhetoric to a more substantive phase. I wonder whether the government has that in mind and whether it welcomes the statement made by the Premier of Ontario. It seems to be significant that Ontario proposes and wishes to take a constructive approach at the bargaining table. The general impression up to the present time has been that the Government of Ontario was reluctant to participate in the trade talks. I wonder whether the Leader of the Government has anything to say by way of indicating whether this kind of proposal has been anticipated within the government.