

motion, may I ask for an explanation? Does the committee propose to sit today?

**Senator Tremblay:** Yes, the committee will convene as soon as permission is granted, which may be 3 p.m. or 3.15 p.m.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

## PUBLIC PENSIONS REPORTING BILL

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Arthur Tremblay,** Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology presented the following report:

Tuesday, March 4, 1986

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology has the honour to present its

### FIFTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred Bill C-255, "An Act to impose reporting requirements with respect to public pension plans and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof", has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 13, 1986, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Tremblay  
*Chairman*

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

● (1450)

[English]

On motion of Senator Robertson, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

## THE ESTIMATES, 1986-87

### NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), I move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance be authorized to examine and report upon the expenditures set out in the Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1987, with the exception of Privy Council Vote 15 (Official Languages) and Parliament Vote 10 (Library of Parliament).

[Senator Frith.]

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

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, will the sponsor of the motion explain the exceptions?

**Senator Doody:** Honourable senators, as I understand the exceptions, they were dealt with in the message that we received from the House of Commons earlier today. I understand that the House has adopted certain amendments to their Standing Orders respecting the various items. Among them is the handling of Vote 15 of the Privy Council, which has been referred to the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages.

As to Parliament Vote 10, it has been referred to the proposed Standing Joint Committee on Parliament. As far as I understand it, there is as yet no Standing Joint Committee on Parliament because the Senate has not yet acted to become a constituent part of it, so the message has been referred to the Standing Rules and Orders Committee. Presumably, they will advise us and recommend the way in which we should handle it. As of now, these two votes are not considered in the overall estimates, but are looked after separately.

**Senator Frith:** So those two references were made by the House of Commons without asking for our concurrence?

**Senator Doody:** That is the impression I have.

**Senator Roblin:** Ultimately, they are asking for our concurrence.

**Senator Flynn:** It is a joint committee.

**Senator Frith:** I know.

**Senator Doody:** You can refuse to join them.

**Senator Frith:** Matters have been referred to joint committees with concurrence. In fact, it seems to me that they ought to be.

Motion agreed to.

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

### NOTICE OF MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE

**Hon. Stanley Haidasz:** Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, March 6, 1986, I will move:

That Rule 67(1) of the Rules of the Senate be amended by adding the following new standing committee:

"The Senate Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, composed of twelve members, four of whom shall constitute a quorum, to which shall be referred, on order of the Senate, bills, messages, petitions, inquiries, papers and other matters relating to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms