

THE SENATE

Thursday, November 18, 1982

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

THE HONOURABLE FRED A. McGRAND

ESTABLISHMENT OF LECTURESHIP ON CHILD WELFARE,
ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Hon. Florence B. Bird: Honourable senators, I think you will be as pleased and proud as I am to know that St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick, is setting up a Chair which will be called the Honourable Senator F. A. McGrand, M.D., Lectureship on Child Welfare.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

BILL TO AMEND (NO. 2)—FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-135, to amend the National Housing Act (No. 2).

Bill read first time.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

CANADA EVIDENCE BILL, 1982

FIRST READING

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government) presented Bill S-33, to give effect, for Canada, to the Uniform Evidence Act adopted by the Uniform Law Conference of Canada.

Bill read first time.

Senator Olson, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

[*Translation*]

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(g), that when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, November 23, 1982, at eight o'clock in the evening.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

● (1410)

QUESTION PERIOD

[*English*]

THE ECONOMY

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOND PROGRAM—STATISTICS

Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I would address a question to the Leader of the Government in the Senate with respect to the Small Business Development Bond program. No doubt the minister will recall that in November of last year, when we received budget model A, a change was made in the Small Business Development Bond program to convert it into one for those in "dire straits". I am anxious to know if he can tell me how many small business bond transactions have been entered into since November of last year, and the amounts of the loans?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, that is statistical information which I will seek to obtain as soon as possible.

ECONOMIC UNION AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS FOR CANADA

ROYAL COMMISSION—APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer to a question which was asked by Senator Asselin on November 16 and by Senator Roblin on November 17 concerning the terms of the appointment of the chairman of the Royal Commission on Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada. This answer was available earlier to my honourable friends who read the record of the other place, but I have taken some excerpts from that which I think will be enlightening.

Honourable senators, yesterday the Prime Minister answered a similar question in the other place. I would like to quote his answer:

—I want to make it clear that there is no clause and no opting out provision in the contract . . . if Mr. Macdonald