

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, August 12, 1958

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

## ESTATE TAX BILL

## FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-37, respecting the taxation of estates.

Bill read first time.

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

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Next sitting.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** May I ask when this bill will be distributed? It is not on our desks now.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I have received my copy. The bill will be distributed by tomorrow, I am sure.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Yes, but that is not good enough. Will it be distributed tonight?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Is it the intention of the honourable leader to proceed with this bill as the first item of business tomorrow?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** That is the intention, yes. After second reading it will be referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee and it may be some time before it is through there. I would like on that account to proceed with second reading tomorrow.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Can the bill be distributed tonight?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** It will be distributed first thing in the morning.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Will it be distributed to our offices first thing in the morning or put in our mail boxes so that we will get it promptly?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I understand that it will be distributed first thing in the morning.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Where will it be distributed?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I will be glad to give the honourable senator my copy.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** No, no.

**Hon. Mr. Croll:** Have you got two copies, one for me too?

**The Hon. the Speaker:** The Clerk of the Senate informs me that there are 12 copies of this bill here on the Table, and tomorrow morning other copies will be distributed to honourable senators.

[Later:]

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I would like to refer to the matter of the printing and distribution of the Estate Tax Bill. It is a very heavy undertaking to print this bill with the amendments made in the other place and it may be a little late in the morning before it can be distributed, but I am told that it will be in the mail for certain by noon. I would like to point out that the amendments that were made in the House of Commons are set out on the second page of House of Commons *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 55. Honourable senators who have a copy of the bill as originally distributed and a copy of these amendments have everything contained in the bill that has just been given first reading here.

## PENITENTIARY BILL

## FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-21, to amend the Penitentiary Act.

Bill read first time.

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

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Next sitting.

## INDIAN BILL

## FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-24, to amend the Indian Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Honourable senators, may I ask the honourable Leader of the Government if this is the bill which was passed last session, but did not receive the royal assent?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** It is exactly the same bill. Honourable senators will recall that the bill was given second reading on Friday, January 31, 1958, and third reading on the following day, February 1, but that was the day on which Parliament was dissolved and there was not time for the bill to receive the royal assent.

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

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** Next sitting.