

# ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 4th April, 1957

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## INQUIRY

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By the Honourable Senator Hodges for the Honourable Senator Farris:—  
12th March—That he will inquire of the Government:

### *The Suez Canal*

1. What provisions were made by the Constantinople Convention of 1888 to ensure freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal? Was Egypt a signatory of the Convention?
2. What assurances, if any, were given by President Nasser that these provisions would continue to be applied following the nationalization of the Suez Canal Company in July 1956?
3. What rights did the United Kingdom retain in the Suez Canal area following withdrawal of its forces from the Canal base under the 1954 Anglo-Egyptian agreement?
4. What offers had been made, and when, by the United States and the United Kingdom to assist Egypt in the construction of the Aswan Dam?
5. What promises, if any, were made by the Soviet Union to provide similiar assistance?
6. Why did the United States and the United Kingdom withdraw their offers?
7. To what extent are the economies of the United Kingdom and France dependent on the free use of the Suez Canal for transportation of oil and other commodities?
8. What legal and constitutional rights has Egypt in respect of the Suez Canal, and what obligations does it owe to other nations regarding the operation of the Canal?
9. In what publication or publications of the Canadian Government may summaries of developments in relation to the Suez Canal be found?