

THE SENATE

Thursday, October 20, 1977

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

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Perrault tabled:

Copies of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of National Revenue, Taxation and the Department of the Solicitor General of Canada, with respect to combatting Organized Crime through prosecution under the Income Tax Act, dated April 27, 1972.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Langlois: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move that when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, October 25, 1977, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Honourable senators, before the question is put I should like to give a brief outline of the work for next week. We shall continue with the Throne Speech debate and the debate on Senator Argue's inquiry calling the attention of the Senate to the interim report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, which was authorized in the last session of Parliament to inquire into the desirability of long-term stabilization of the Canadian beef industry.

Motion agreed to.

ALASKA HIGHWAY PIPELINE

PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATING AUTHORITY—QUESTION

Senator Lucier: Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

What has the government done to create immediately a pipeline authority to co-ordinate planning and programs involving the Alaska Highway pipeline? Has there been, or will there be, Yukon involvement in developing the single regulatory authority?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I must take that important question as notice. I hope that it will be possible to have a reply during the coming week.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

LEGISLATION—QUESTION

Senator Olson: Honourable senators, in relation to a question I asked yesterday, the Leader of the Government said he

would be prepared to reply before the Senate adjourned this week. My question related to the number of bills it is proposed to initiate in the Senate.

I am wondering whether it is too early to ask for that reply now.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, unfortunately, the government house leader in the other place is ill. It is hoped that he will be restored to his usual vigour and good health very shortly. Because the essence of the honourable senator's question is primarily a subject for discussion between the house leaders in both places, there has been a delay in obtaining an answer to the question posed by the honourable senator. Hopefully at the beginning of next week we will have a better idea of where our legislative program lies.

Senator Flynn: Did you say "subject to discussion" or "subject to disposition" by—

Senator Perrault: The word, of course, is "discussion".

AGRICULTURE

"RECOGNIZING THE REALITIES: A BEEF IMPORT POLICY FOR CANADA"—INTERIM REPORT ON CANADIAN BEEF INDUSTRY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Hazen Argue rose pursuant to notice of October 19, 1977:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the interim report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, appointed in the last session of Parliament and authorized in that session to examine from time to time any aspect of the agricultural industry in Canada, on its inquiry into the desirability of long-term stabilization in the Canadian beef industry, entitled: "Recognizing the Realities: A Beef Import Policy for Canada", tabled in the Senate on Friday, 14th October, 1977.

He said: Honourable senators, I am very pleased to speak in the chamber at this time with regard to this report.

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This report is the result of a tremendous amount of work done by members of the committee—that is to say, by the senators who are members of the committee; by our research staff, Mr. Albert Chambers and Mr. Rick Andrews, by Mr. Len Christie of the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament, and by the people who appeared before that committee. I should also like to acknowledge, in particular, the contributions made in releasing the report by Senator Molgat, who held a press conference in Winnipeg, and Senator Sparrow, who held a press conference in Saskatoon. Senator Hays had