

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Senator Neiman: With leave, now.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Neiman: Honourable senators will recall that Bill C-55 was referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs early last month. We have not had an opportunity to deal with it in any detail as yet, but hope to do so as soon as Parliament reconvenes after the Christmas recess. We had planned, in response to innumerable requests from various individuals, agencies and organizations, to travel in the West to hear briefs and representations with respect to Bill C-55. For that purpose we have asked for what I think would be a modest increase in our budget for the year.

If honourable senators look at the material before them they will see that the committee's budget for the past four years has been relatively small. The committee has rarely expended more than approximately 10 per cent or 15 per cent of its budget, and the same remains true for this year. Originally our budget was approved at \$44,140. For the purpose of the anticipated trip out West the committee is asking for an increase of \$35,572.

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An Hon. Senator: Agreed.

Some Hon. Senators: Carried.

Senator Neiman: I gather that honourable senators will allow the committee this increase in its budget. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Honourable senators, I move the adoption of the report.

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

[*Translation*]

Hon. Paul David: Honourable senators, I had the impression that Senator Macquarrie wanted to ask questions concerning the previous report. May I have leave of the house to ask Senator Neiman a question about the report she has just presented?

Honourable senators, if I understood correctly, the committee chaired by Senator Neiman would like to travel to western Canada. I should like to know why she wants to go to western Canada rather than eastern Canada. In terms of this legislation, would there be more problems in the west than in the east? That is the only question I want to ask you.

[*English*]

Senator Neiman: I thank the honourable senator. We have set aside a sum of money in our budget to cover the possibility of a trip to the East. We have planned a trip to the west, because we have received many requests from various people and organizations in that area. We have received requests

from some of the eastern cities, including some in Newfoundland, but we are holding those in reserve.

Senator Doody: I thought you would rush out there immediately.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

TWELFTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED, PRINTED AS APPENDIX AND ADOPTED

Hon. Heath Macquarrie: Honourable senators, the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has the honour to present its twelfth report respecting power to incur special expenses pursuant to the procedural guidelines for the financial operation of Senate committees.

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and that it form part of the permanent records of this house.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(*For text of report, see Appendix "B", p. 2514.*)

Senator Macquarrie: Honourable senators will note that the document was laid on their desks about an hour ago.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Senator Macquarrie: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(f), I move that the report be adopted now.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

PRIVATE BILL

COOPERANTS, MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY—MESSAGE FROM COMMONS

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons returning Bill S-14, to authorize Cooperants, Mutual Life Insurance Society to be continued as a corporation under the laws of the Province of Quebec, and acquainting the Senate they had passed the bill without amendment.