

and that a period in excess of three years has elapsed since any word has been received from her. The solicitors also represented to the Committee that the petitioner owes to them an amount for legal services, and, in the circumstances, that the amount of the refund of the fees paid should be applied on account of the professional fees earned by the solicitors.

5. The committee recommends that the cheque made payable to the petitioner be returned to the Accountant of the Senate, and that it be cancelled, and that, without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner or of any of the parties to the proceedings, payment be made to the petitioner by cheque in the sum of \$100 payable to her agents and solicitors, Messrs. McDonald, Joyal, Fogarty and Mills, Ottawa, Ontario, the said solicitors having undertaken to deal with the said \$100 in accordance with the equities and according to law.

Honourable senators, I move that this report be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

The motion was agreed to.

#### BILLS—FIRST READINGS

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck** presented the following bills:

Bill S-1, an Act for the relief of Dudley Nurse.

Bill T-1, an Act for the relief of Aldo Ermacora.

Bill U-1, an Act for the relief of Anastazia Suchodolska Matiosaitis.

Bill V-1, an Act for the relief of Joan Simonne Ghent Brooks.

Bill W-1, an Act for the relief of Philip Tamborino.

Bill X-1, an Act for the relief of Muriel Martha Margaret Wilkins St. James.

Bill Y-1, an Act for the relief of Boris Varvariuk.

Bill Z-1, an Act for the relief of Stefania Stella Rosiu Nahorniak.

Bill A-2, an Act for the relief of Douglas Pinkney.

Bill B-2, an Act for the relief of Doris Amelia Carter Nicolle.

Bill C-2, an Act for the relief of Aldona Dodon Kulczycki.

Bill D-2, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Catherine Baggott Allarie.

Bill E-2, an Act for the relief of Edwin Alfred Le Corney.

Bill F-2, an Act for the relief of Margaret Mary Ellen Morninge Hartwell.

Bill G-2, an Act for the relief of Charlotte Ellis Elkin.

Bill H-2, an Act for the relief of Shirley Anne Julian Boyd.

Bill I-2, an Act for the relief of Georgette Paquette Senecal.

Bill J-2, an Act for the relief of Pierrette Beaudry Dennis.

Bill K-2, an Act for the relief of Catherine Phyllis Reid MacDonald.

Bill L-2, an Act for the relief of Grace Alice Williams Jones.

Bill M-2, an Act for the relief of Olga Helen Descyca Eckford.

Bill N-2, an Act for the relief of Patricia Mary Shewan Chalmers.

Bill O-2, an Act for the relief of Edith Beryl Jewett Gagnon.

The bills were read the first time.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the second time?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** With leave, next sitting.

#### WABANA, NEWFOUNDLAND, AIRSTRIP

##### NOTICE OF INQUIRY STANDS

On the notice of inquiry by Hon. Mr. Pratt:

Have plans been prepared for the building of an airstrip at Wabana, Newfoundland, and, if so, when does the Department of Transport propose to proceed with the work?

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** I would ask that this inquiry stand until a week from today.

#### LAND USE

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT INQUIRY

**Hon. W. Ross Macdonald:** Honourable senators, with reference to the motion, of which I gave notice yesterday,—

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, has the honourable gentleman leave to move today the motion standing in his name?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Honourable senators, yesterday I gave notice of a motion for the setting up of a special committee to study land use in Canada. At that time I suggested that the committee consist of 25 members. May I have leave of the house to increase the number of senators to 26, and also to make one substitution? I should like to have the name of Senator Léger added, and to substitute the name of Senator Basha for Senator Baird.

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Has the honourable senator leave to amend his motion as indicated by him?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

**Hon. Mr. Macdonald:** Honourable senators, I therefore move the amended motion, which reads as follows:

1. That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report on land use in