

THE SENATE

Wednesday, September 29, 1971

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

THE SENATE

SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I must at the outset tell you I am informed that the loudspeakers behind your seats unfortunately are not functioning tonight. Bell Canada will work on this technical difficulty, and we hope that by tomorrow noon it will have been remedied. For this evening I would suggest that honourable senators use their earphones in order to follow the discussions more closely.

CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that messages had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the names of Messrs. Matte and Rowland have been substituted for those of Messrs. Laprise and Saltsman, and that the name of Mr. Laprise has been substituted for that of Mr. Matte on the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-262, to support employment in Canada by mitigating the disruptive effect on Canadian industry of the imposition of foreign import surtaxes or other actions of a like effect.

Bill read first time.

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

An Hon. Senator: Monday next.

Hon. Mr. Forsey: At the next sitting.

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I have had a talk with the Leader of the Opposition about this matter. We have a rule of the Senate which requires that two days' notice be given for the second reading of a bill.

As a result of our discussion, I believe that the best way to proceed would be to ask leave to proceed with this bill tomorrow afternoon, and that we will do.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: We will decide this tomorrow afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I had understood that the Leader of the Opposition—

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Yes, I will agree, on the conditions that I have indicated to the Leader of the Government.

Hon. Mr. Martin: That is satisfactory.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, it is moved by honourable Senator Martin, seconded by honourable Senator Langlois, that this bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next—

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Stand.

The Hon. the Speaker: I would like to get this very clear.

Hon. Mr. Martin: We will ask for leave to proceed with second reading tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Leave will be asked tomorrow.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I would like this to be clearly understood. Bill C-262 has been given first reading. When I asked for the second reading of this bill—

Hon. Mr. Forsey: Stand.

The Hon. the Speaker: I do not know if there is a motion.

Hon. Mr. Martin: The motion will be made tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: It stands now.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Tomorrow we will ask for leave to proceed; in the meantime, it stands.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: A motion for second reading does not have to be made right away.

The Hon. the Speaker: Then, this matter will be dealt with at the next sitting?

Hon. Mr. Martin: Yes.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Yes.