

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT
PROPOSED AMENDMENT RE TENURE
OF OFFICE OF JUDGES

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, may I ask the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) if it is his intention to proceed tomorrow with the motion that stands in his name?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: No, it is not my intention to proceed with that for some little time yet.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Do I understand the Leader of the Government to say that he does not intend to proceed with it for some little time?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Not this week, at any rate.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I hope the honourable leader will give the house ample notice when he does intend to proceed with it.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE
ADDRESS IN REPLY

On the Order:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the session.—Hon. Senator Brunt.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I ask that this order stand until tomorrow, and at this time I have pleasure in informing the house that the mover and seconder of the Address will be the Honourable Senator Courtemanche and the Honourable Senator Blois, respectively.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION
ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the second report of the Committee of Selection which was presented yesterday.

On motion of Hon. Mr. White, report adopted.

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Honourable senators, at this stage of the proceedings I would ask leave to revert to motions.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That the senators mentioned in the second report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the several standing committees during the present session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the several committees with which their respective names appear in the said report, to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time, and that the Committee on Standing Orders be authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required; and also that the Committee on Internal Economy and

Contingent Accounts have power, without special reference by the Senate, to consider any matter affecting the internal economy of the Senate, and such committee shall report the result of such consideration to the Senate for action.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That motion having carried, I would like to inform the house that we are having a short sitting today on account of the fact that all honourable senators are asked to meet immediately after adjournment in the committee room to the right of the chamber for the purpose of choosing the chairmen of the various standing committees, so that they will be in a position to hold meetings when required. I believe a notice to that effect is being distributed to honourable senators.

DIVORCE
PETITIONS

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, may I have the permission of the house to revert to the order for petitions for the purpose of presenting a number of petitions for divorce? I have only 325 here, and if anyone finds that number too few I shall have some more to present in the very near future.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE—SENATE MEMBERS

Hon. Mr. Aseltine, with leave of the Senate moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that house that the Honourable Senators Aseltine, Cameron, Fergusson, Fournier, Gladstone, Gouin, Irvine, Lambert, MacDonald, McDonald, Pouliot, Reid, Vien, Wall and Wilson, have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both houses on the said Library.

RESTAURANT OF PARLIAMENT

JOINT COMMITTEE—SENATE MEMBERS

Hon. Mr. Aseltine, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that house that the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Beaubien, Fergusson, Hodges, McLean, Reid and White, have been appointed a Committee to direct the management of the Restaurant of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a Joint Committee of both houses on the said Restaurant.

Hon. Gordon B. Isnor: Honourable senators, before the motion is put may I inquire from the Leader of the Government whether this committee has met yet, and if so whether it has made any changes with respect to the