

That all senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure to reassemble at the call of the bell at 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. the sitting was resumed, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN TABLED

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present to the Senate the report of the Parliamentary Librarian for the Third Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament, 1970.

Ordered: That the report do lie on the Table.

NEW SENATORS

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received certificates from the Registrar General of Canada showing that the following persons, respectively, have been summoned to the Senate:

Gildas L. Molgat, Esquire
Madame Therese F. Casgrain
Eugene A. Forsey, Esquire
William C. McNamara, Esquire
Edward M. Lawson, Esquire

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The Hon. the Speaker having informed the Senate that there were senators without, waiting to be introduced:

The following honourable senators were introduced; presented Her Majesty's writs of summons, which were read by the Clerk; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk and were seated:

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat, of St. Vital, Manitoba, introduced between Hon. Mr. Martin and Hon. Mr. Everett.

Hon. Therese F. Casgrain, of Montreal, Quebec, introduced between Hon. Mr. Martin and Hon. Mr. Gelinas.

Hon. Eugene A. Forsey, of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Mr. Martin and Hon. Mr. Croll.

Hon. William C. McNamara, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, introduced between Hon. Mr. Martin and Hon. Mr. Everett.

Hon. Edward M. Lawson, of Vancouver, British Columbia, introduced between Hon. Mr. Martin and Hon. Mr. Nichol.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that each of the honourable senators named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

TERMINATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY ON EIGHTH SITTING DAY

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald: Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate:

That the proceedings on the order of the day for resuming the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne addressed to both Houses of Parliament be concluded on the eighth sitting day on which the order is debated.

Motion agreed to.

EMERGENCY SITTINGS

AUTHORITY TO CONVENE SENATE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald, with leave of the Senate, moved:

That, for the duration of the present session of Parliament, should an emergency arise during any adjournment of the Senate, which would in the opinion of the Honourable the Speaker warrant that the Senate meet prior to the time set forth in the motion for such adjournment, the Honourable the Speaker be authorized to notify honourable senators at their addresses registered with the Clerk of the Senate, to meet at a time earlier than that set out in the motion for such adjournment, and non-receipt by any one or more honourable senators of such call shall not have any effect upon the sufficiency and validity thereof.

Motion agreed to.

MASS MEDIA

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. A. Hamilton McDonald, with leave of the Senate, and notwithstanding Rule 44(1)(d), moved:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report upon the ownership and control of the major means of mass public communication in Canada, in particular, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to examine and report upon the extent and nature of their impact and influence on the Canadian public, to be known as the Special Committee of the Senate on Mass Media;

That the committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;