

# THE SENATE

Thursday, May 27, 1971

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

## SENATE ACCOUNTS

### STATEMENT TABLED PURSUANT TO RULE 112

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that, in accordance with Rule 112, the Clerk of the Senate had laid on the Table a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year 1970-71.

### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**Hon. Donald Smith:** Honourable senators, I move:

That the Clerk's accounts be referred to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

Motion agreed to.

## GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION BILL

### FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker:** informed the Senate that, a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-207, respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Donald Smith** moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading Tuesday next.

Motion agreed to.

## PRIVATE BILL

### CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. J. Campbell Haig,** Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, reported that the committee had considered Bill S-21, respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

### THIRD READING

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

**Hon. Herbert O. Sparrow:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(b), I move third reading of the bill now.

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**The Hon. the Speaker:** Has the honourable Senator Sparrow leave to proceed with the third reading of this bill?

**Hon. Mr. Molson:** Might I ask the honourable Senator Sparrow if there is any need for haste?

**Hon. Mr. Sparrow:** Honourable senators, on Tuesday evening I gave the house an indication of the need for the urgency to pass this bill at an early stage. Perhaps Senator Molson was not here at the time, so I will repeat at least some of those reasons. There is some urgency over the passage of the bill by the Senate so that it can be considered in the other place. If this project is to proceed, the bill must be passed by both houses before the summer adjournment of Parliament. If the pulp mill is to be built on schedule, the railway line must be completed by June, 1972. As the railway is expected to take a year to build, it means that its construction must begin in June of this year. If there is any further explanation needed, I will be happy to give it.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Leopold Langlois:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(g), I move that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 1, 1971, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Motion agreed to.

## RULES OF THE SENATE

### SUSPENSION OF RULE 23—POINT OF ORDER

**Hon. Jacques Flynn:** Honourable senators, I rise on a point of order in relation to a problem which as yet has not arisen. I do so in order to give His Honour the Speaker and honourable senators time to consider the point. I listened to Senator Langlois yesterday when he moved his amendment to the motion of Senator Argue. As you know, we have decided that for the remainder of this session we would suspend Rule 23, which reads:

A senator shall not speak twice to a question before the Senate except in explanation of a material part of his speech in which he may have been misunderstood, and then he shall not introduce new matter.

In effect, this means that for the balance of the session we will experiment in allowing any senator to speak as often as he wishes on any bill or substantive motion.