

THE SENATE

Tuesday, April 26, 1977

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

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:

Willie Adams, Esquire
Hon. Horace Andrew (Bud) Olson, P.C.
Royce Frith, Esquire
Peter Bosa, 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 Assistant; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk, and were seated:

Hon. Willie Adams, of Rankin Inlet, in the Northwest Territories, introduced between Hon. Raymond J. Perrault, P.C., and Hon. Paul Henry Lucier.

Hon. Horace Andrew (Bud) Olson, P.C., of Iddesleigh, Alberta, introduced between Hon. Raymond J. Perrault, P.C., and Hon. Earl A. Hastings.

Hon. Royce Frith, of Perth, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Raymond J. Perrault, P.C., and Hon. John J. Connolly.

Hon. Peter Bosa, of Toronto, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Raymond J. Perrault, P.C., and Hon. Keith Davey.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that 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.

ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR CROPS BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-2, to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops.

Bill read first time.

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

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that this bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.
Motion agreed to.

PENSION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-11, to amend the Pension Act.

Bill read first time.

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

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that this bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Senator Grosart: Honourable senators, in view of the fact that this is the second bill for which the government has asked leave to proceed at the next sitting, would the Leader of the Government indicate to us why he feels it is necessary that we waive the usual two days' notice?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, the fact is that Bill C-2, the first of the two proposed measures for which the government seeks leave to proceed with second reading at the next sitting, was of course the second measure introduced in Parliament at this session. This bill has been over from the other place since April 1, and it is felt that it would be in the public interest, in view of the importance of the measure, to proceed with the debate on second reading tomorrow.

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With respect to Bill C-11, to amend the Pension Act, because of the important content of this particular act the government simply expresses the hope that in this case the opposition will support second reading at the next sitting. If the opposition chooses to take another course of action, the government certainly will not resist that.