

Council of Canada before the committee as well as the Export Development Corporation to review these matters.

I would also have been pleased if some of the customers could have been there, particularly the small business sector whose export problems are sometimes particularly difficult. It would have been fruitful, perhaps, to hear what they had to say, and whether they had any suggestions as to whether the service could be improved. It would also have been of interest to invite the institutions in the private sector who are in the same field—the insurance companies, the finance companies; to hear from them whether they feel that the co-operative work they are engaged in with the Export Development Corporation is as fruitful as it could be. I regret that the Senate did not avail itself of the opportunity to cast the net a little wider than the precise details of this bill and make use of the opportunity to submit the concept of the Export Development Corporation to wider review.

However, I am not able to say to this body that there are glaring defects to which I would like to draw attention. I have to say that I do not know enough about the matter to make such a statement. It seems to me quite likely that, if we had had the kind of non-partisan and informed review that we usually manage to achieve in Senate committee examinations, it might have been possible for us to offer some constructive ideas for improvement. However, since that is not to be, perhaps my favourite committee, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, could consider this subject in the future and conduct the kind of examination that I have been suggesting.

All in all, honourable senators, I certainly approve of expanding these facilities and the capacity of the Export Development Corporation. I have no reason to vote against this bill. I like the work they are doing. I hope they are doing the best job possible, and that one of these days the Senate will take upon itself the responsibility to monitor the operations of this body to ensure that it makes the maximum contribution to the export trade in Canada.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, the observations made by Senator Roblin could be summarized, I suppose, as “half a loaf is better than none.” In fact, perhaps a good part of the remainder of the loaf we could have had furnished to us by answers. However, honourable senators may have noted that the Export Development Corporation, according to the information we have received, regularly indulges in self-examination and review, and this bill is the result of such examination and review.

Also, as Senator Roblin has pointed out, the Economic Council of Canada did make reference to this body, and when

Senator Roblin is drawing up his resolution to refer the matter to the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance—which he and Senator Olson were recently discussing—this subject might be something that would attract their interest.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

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## THE SENATE

### MOTION RE SUSPENSION OF RECORDING OF DAILY ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS WITHDRAWN

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator McElman, seconded by the Honourable Senator Denis, P. C.:

That the practice of recording the daily attendance of Senators in the Senate be suspended effective April 14, 1981, and remain suspended until the beginning of a new session of the 32nd Parliament, or the first session of the next succeeding Parliament, whichever may first occur.—  
(Honourable Senator Frith).

**Hon. Charles McElman:** Honourable senators, with the concurrence of my seconder, and with the permission of the Senate, I should like this motion to be withdrawn.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is it agreed, honourable senators?

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Acting Leader of the Opposition):** I am curious enough to ask why.

**Senator McElman:** There has been an amazing lack of interest in the subject and no debate on it, so I thought that, since it has been many weeks since this matter was brought before the Senate, the only sensible and honourable thing to do was to bring about its demise.

**Hon. Azellus Denis:** Honourable senators, after a session of Parliament which has lasted over three years, I think there is plenty for the Senate to discuss without having to discuss this motion. Let me say that it is too bad for those who would have benefited from the motion.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

## CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

### TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING—CORRECTION TO REPORT OF CANADIAN DELEGATION

**Hon. Lowell Murray:** Honourable senators, I should like to make a small correction to the appendix to *Debates of the Senate* of Tuesday, October 11, 1983.

At page 6025 the Canadian delegation to the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group is listed. I am identified as a senator from Nova Scotia. I should state that I am happy to have been born in that province, but I moved to Ontario 22