

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 29, 1966

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

### JOINT COMMITTEES

#### CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that messages have been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the name of Mr. Ryan has been substituted for that of Mr. Wahn on the Special Joint Committee on Immigration; that the name of Mr. O'Keefe has been substituted for that of Mr. Matte on the Special Joint Committee on Consumer Credit and Cost of Living; and that the names of Messrs. Ethier and Langlois (Chicoutimi) have been substituted for those of Messrs. Hymmen and Orange on the Special Joint Committee on the Public Service.

### DOCUMENT TABLED

**Hon. John J. Connolly** tabled:

Report of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966, pursuant to section 6 of the Department of Agriculture Act, chapter 66, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French texts).

### DIVORCE

#### TIME OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

On the Orders of the day:

**Hon. Jacques Flynn:** Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are called may I be permitted to ask the Co-Chairman of the Special Joint Committee on Divorce (Hon. Mr. Roebuck) if he will explain why the meeting of the committee today is called for 3:30 a.m.

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** I thank the honourable senator for calling the meeting of this committee to our attention. At 3:30 today we are able to get a quorum because the House of Commons members of the committee are free after the question period is over.

It is seldom that the Senate sits on Tuesday afternoon. Our regular custom has been to meet at 8:00 o'clock on Tuesday evening, which has left the afternoon free. When we considered this question some little time ago it occurred to us that it would be more convenient for the committee to meet this afternoon

because we would then be taking advantage of the fact that many honourable senators would be already here for the usual Tuesday evening sitting. Therefore we could well afford to hold the meeting in the afternoon. It has been just a little difficult to arrange a suitable meeting time.

**Hon. Mr. Leonard:** But why does the notice say that the meeting is at 3.30 in the morning?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** I beg your pardon, and I thank the senator for his good humour in advising me of this typographical error. At the same time, he has performed a service in calling attention to the fact that we are sitting at 3.30 this afternoon.

### CRIMINAL CODE (HATE PROPAGANDA)

#### BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING— DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck for the second reading of Bill S-49, to amend the Criminal Code.

**Hon. George S. White:** Honourable senators, my remarks will be brief. I have listened to all the speeches made on this bill and have carefully re-read them in the Senate *Hansard*, and I feel that I must join the group in this chamber which is opposed to the bill.

In my opinion, the senators who have spoken in favour of this bill have not indicated or put forward one good reason or argument as to why this infamous bill should be passed by the Parliament of Canada.

What type of people are we in Canada to need such a bill as this? I can find no better definition of Canadians than that given by the one who introduced the bill, the honourable Senator Roebuck. At page 1109 of the Senate *Hansard* he defined Canadians as follows:

Canadians, according to my understanding, knowledge and experience, are a kindly and tolerant people. As a nation we have friends in every country of the world, and I hope we have no enemies. We have good will for all mankind, irrespective of colour, race or ethnic origin. Domestically, our people, with very few exceptions, I think, are good natured, kindly and hospitable. We have freedom, and we have learned by experience to preserve our ways of life and freedom of our neighbours; and, honourable senators, we wish that kind of thing to continue.