

The Clerk at the Table informed the Senate that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Choquette:—

That, during the absence of the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senator Bourget, P.C., do preside as Speaker.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the Clerk declared the motion carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Honourable Senator Bourget, P.C., took the Chair.

#### PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-55, intituled: "An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator McDonald moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Croll, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was—  
Resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-74, intituled: "An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator McDonald moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Langlois, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was—  
Resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-92, intituled: "An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator McDonald moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Hayden, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was—  
Resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill C-167, intituled: "An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act", to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The Bill was read the first time.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Senator McDonald moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Smith, that the Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was—  
Resolved in the affirmative.

The Honourable Senator Martin, P.C., laid on the Table the following:—

Capital Budget of the Farm Credit Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973, pursuant to section 70(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970 (English and French texts), together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1972-403, dated March 2, 1972, approving same (English text).

Capital Budgets of the Cape Breton Development Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1972, pursuant to sections 21 and 26 of the *Cape Breton Development Corporation Act*, Chapter C-13, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1972-338, dated February 24, 1972, approving same.

Copies of letter, dated March 9, 1972, addressed by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada to the Prime Minister of Quebec, with respect to family allowances, manpower centres and adult occupational training.

Copies of letter, dated March 9, 1972, addressed by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada to the Premiers of the provinces, with respect to family allowances, manpower centres and adult occupational training.

Ordered, That the letter, dated March 9, 1972, addressed by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada to the Prime Minister of Quebec, with respect to family allowances, manpower centres and adult occupational training and the letter, dated March 9, 1972, addressed by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada to the Premiers of the provinces, with respect to family allowances, manpower centres and adult occupational training, tabled today, be printed as Appendixes to the Debates of the Senate of this day.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day to resume the debate on the consideration of Volume II of the Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on Science Policy, tabled in the Senate on Thursday, 24th February, 1972, be brought forward.