

for him to do." Inspector Beauchemin tried to enlist Mr. Ducros in his "dirty tricks" squad. Constable Sargent, who was also part of the alleged conspiracy, it seems, quietly resigned his job to join his former boss, Mr. Stamler, who, incidentally, was also the former boss of Mr. Vidosa, the other informant.

The facts are troubling and the allegations are very serious. The problem is more widespread and goes deeper than what we have seen so far.

Honourable senators, I rose today on a question of privilege because I believed that was the appropriate parliamentary procedure. However, I am not talking here about a matter either of procedure or privilege; I only wish that I were. I am talking here about my fundamental right—not as a senator but as a Canadian citizen—to be able to live my life, to carry on with my profession, to pursue my career like everybody else, free of malicious prosecution, entrapment, undue suspicion and police harassment. I am referring to my right not to have my telephone conversations tape-recorded; my right to carry on my business or profession with other Canadians who are not paid by the police to entice me into criminal activities.

Honourable senators, like most of you, I want the right to travel on an airplane and not have to worry whether my seatmate is a plant of the RCMP, because, by the way, that is one of the little goodies that Inspector Erlich was going to throw at me.

I will be permitted, I am sure, to show a little emotion when what I am talking about is a set of events that could have ultimately led to the destruction of my life and of that of my family.

[Translation]

Honourable senators, perhaps I will soon have to return to this chamber or to appear before one of its committees to ask for a thorough examination of this whole affair. It is too grave and too serious to forget all about it. I will not allow that to happen.

I thank you.

● (1410)

[English]

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

PRESENTATION OF PETITION ON BILL C-23

Hon. Dan Hays: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition signed by some 57 Canadians requesting that the Senate not pass Bill C-23 without first conducting a full investigation into the matter.

[Translation]

THE ESTIMATES, 1989-90

NINTH REPORT OF NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE
PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. Fernand-E. Leblanc: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the ninth report of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance concerning the Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990.

[Senator Cogger.]

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of the Senate.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see Appendix "A", p. 1101.)

The Hon. the Speaker: When shall this report be taken into consideration, honourable senators?

On motion of Senator Leblanc (Saurel), report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

[English]

CHILDHOOD POVERTY AND ADULT SOCIAL PROBLEMS

TWELFTH REPORT OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE PRESENTED AND PRINTED AS
APPENDIX

Hon. Lorna Marsden: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present the twelfth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, which report requests that the committee be empowered to incur special expenses pursuant to the procedural guidelines for the financial operation of Senate committees.

I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and that it form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report, see Appendix "B", p. 1107.)

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Marsden, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, February 15, 1990, I will call the attention of the Senate to the issue of violence against women in Canadian society.

NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRANSATLANTIC TRADE
RELATIONS (ECONOMIC COMMITTEE)—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Duff Roblin: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, February 15, 1990, I will call the attention of the Senate to the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Trade Relations (Economic Committee) of the North