

THE SENATE

Thursday, December 15, 1966

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Hon. Maurice Bourget, P.C., Acting Speaker, in the Chair.
Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Copy of an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Newfoundland for the use or employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, chapter 54, Statutes of Canada, 1959. (English text).

Copies of fifty-six contracts between the Government of Canada and the Municipalities of the Provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan for the use or employment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, chapter 54, Statutes of Canada, 1959. (English text).

Hon. Mr. Brooks: Are the provisions in the agreements with the various provinces the same in this case as they have been over the past few years?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I understand so.

POSTAL SERVICES INTERRUPTION
RELIEF BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. John J. Connolly presented Bill S-55, to provide relief in certain cases against loss or hardship suffered as a result of interruptions of normal postal services.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I think I should say at the next sitting, which will probably be two days hence. With leave, I move that it be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

MEDICAL CARE BILL

SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Macnaughton for the second reading of Bill C-227 to authorize the payment of contributions by Canada towards the cost of insured medical care services incurred by provinces pursuant to provincial medical care insurance plans.

Hon. Orville H. Phillips: Honourable senators, in rising to take part in this debate, I wish first to pay tribute to the sponsor of Bill C-227. While the honourable Senator Macnaughton is not directly associated with any of the health services—he chose a more lucrative profession—he has always taken a very keen interest in health matters.

Hon. John J. Connolly (Ottawa West): That is a mistake, on the average.

Hon. Mr. Phillips: I recall another occasion in more fortunate days in a different house, when he and I sat on different sides of the Speaker's chair, he introduced a motion concerning mental health, and I had the pleasure of suggesting to the Government of the day that they accept the motion; and, later in the day, it was accepted by the Government. I also want to pay a tribute to Senator Gershaw and Senator Sullivan. A little later I will be referring to Senator Gershaw's remarks, but I would like to pay a short tribute now to Senator Sullivan. He is one of Canada's most distinguished doctors.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Phillips: He is not only one of Canada's leading ear surgeons, but I can say, without fear of contradiction, that he is a recognized world authority in his field. This is borne out by the fact that he has been honoured not only by the Canadian and American medical associations but also by every leading medical association in the world. Yesterday he referred to Dr. Penfield's writings on a number of occasions. After reading his remarks in *Hansard*, I would suggest that he take up Dr. Penfield's hobby of writing, and I am sure that any book he produced would automatically become a best seller.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Phillips: Senator Sullivan referred to what he called socialized legal care. If I may, firstly I would like to make a suggestion to him. I have not had time to make an