

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 30, 1982

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

### BUDGET TAX MEASURES

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED  
TO MAKE STUDY

**Hon. George J. McIlraith**, Acting Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce be authorized to examine and consider the following:

(i) Budget tax changes proposed by the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons on June 28, 1982, and the impact thereof on taxpayers;

(ii) the statement of the Minister of Finance to the House of Commons on October 27, 1982, on the economic outlook and financial position of the Government of Canada; and

(iii) any bills and other matters relating to the Budget tax changes in advance of their coming before the Senate.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

### LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF MOTION RE CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**Hon. William J. Petten:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), I move:

That the name of the Honourable Senator Hastings be substituted for that of the Honourable Senator Buckwold on the list of senators serving on the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**An Hon. Senator:** No.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Leave is not granted.

### HEALTH, WELFARE AND SCIENCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE ANNUAL REPORT OF  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Hon. Jack Marshall**, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science be authorized to examine and consider the Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1982, tabled in the Senate on 25th November, 1982.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

### QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON CONFERENCE IN GENEVA

**Hon. Martial Asselin:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. Can he give us a brief report on the GATT conference which was held in Geneva last week?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government):** No, honourable senators, I am not in a position to give a report. However, if the Minister of External Affairs, who led the delegation, has prepared a report, I will put that before you. I will give that undertaking. If no report is forthcoming, I shall ask the minister responsible if some documentation will be available soon that would serve to respond to my honourable friend's question.

**Senator Asselin:** If the leader intends to bring such a report to the Senate, will he assure us that a copy will be given to the opposition in advance so that we can formulate a reply to it?

**Senator Olson:** Yes, if such a report is forthcoming, and I intend to make a statement with respect to it, I shall try to make sure honourable senators opposite have a copy in advance.

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** May I direct a supplementary question to the Leader of the Government? When he reports to the house will he be kind enough to give us the fullest statement possible respecting the decision, or