

cumstances, by outside specialists. No other centre has any knowledge of electric shock treatment administration.

In the Atlantic Region, Dr. Phillip Michel has prescribed and performed electric shock treatment on inmates from Dorchester Penitentiary. This is done at the Moncton Hospital and only on mentally ill inmates who, in the opinion of the psychiatrist, require it and who voluntarily sign a consent form.

Dr. E. Ryan has referred some inmates from Springhill Institution to the Nova Scotia Provincial Hospital for Psychiatric Treatment. Some of these inmates eventually received electric shock treatment while in this hospital.

Due to the necessity of providing an immediate response to the senator's question, it is not possible at this time to provide answers to the last part of his question: "If so, by what doctor was it administered, in what institution, and when?" A factual response would require research of some 30,000 to 35,000 medical records in all five regions as well as those held by the Public Archives in Ottawa.

It must also be borne in mind that, since penitentiary institutions are not equipped to provide electric shock treatment, the Canadian Corrections Service would have to check the records of outside hospitals to ascertain the various doctors involved. This, of course, would take a considerable length of time.

THE CABINET

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SENATE—ANSWER TO QUESTION TABLED

Senator de Cotret: Honourable senators, I have a final question from Senator Everett on ministerial responsibility in the Senate. This answer is fairly long and detailed.

Senator Olson: Honourable senators, I gather this last answer is several pages long. Bearing in mind the cost of printing that material either at this point in our proceedings or as an appendix to today's proceedings, would it not be better to table the answer? It would save the expense of printing it and the senator would still receive the information he requested.

Senator Roblin: Hear, hear.

Senator de Cotret: Honourable senators, that is a good suggestion, because I have also appended a book to that last answer setting out the new expenditure management system of the federal government as required by Senator Everett. I have also appended the legislation setting up the Ministry of State for Economic Development. It is in both languages. It is fairly lengthy, and I would be quite agreeable to having it tabled.

● (1530)

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators, that the previous group of answers be treated as if read or spoken in today's *Debates of the Senate*, and that the final answer be tabled.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator de Cotret then tabled:

[Senator Flynn.]

Copies of a paper respecting the Cabinet Committee on Economic Development and a duplicate of the original Proclamation, dated December 19, 1978, establishing the Ministry of State for Economic Development.

Document entitled "The New Expenditure Management System", outlining the envelope system for allocating and controlling expenditures of the Government of Canada, dated December 1979, issued by the Department of Finance.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 2, 1979-80

SECOND READING—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Doody, seconded by the Honourable Senator Marshall, for the second reading of the Bill C-29, intituled: "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1980".—(*Honourable Senator Petten*).

Senator Langlois: Honourable senators, shortly before entering the chamber this afternoon, I agreed to be the spokesman for members on this side of the house on this bill. It is my intention to speak tomorrow. Therefore, if possible, I should like to have this item stand in my name for consideration tomorrow afternoon.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Order stands.

NORTHERN PIPELINE

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Olson, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C., for the adoption of the First Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Northern Pipeline.—(*Honourable Senator Macdonald*).

An Hon. Senator: Stand.

Senator Olson: Honourable senators, I do not mind if this item stands. However, it has been on the order paper for approximately two weeks, and I would appeal to members on the other side and ask that it be dealt with early next week. There are arrangements that the committee would like to make and, of course, the committee depends on the motion for adoption being agreed to.

Senator Roblin: Honourable senators, if I may speak to this matter, I would thank Senator Olson for his patience. I agree that the item has been outstanding since late November. I have some hope that we may be able to advance the debate one