

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 18, 1978

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

FELICITATIONS ON ELECTION

Senator Haidasz: Honourable senators, it was with great jubilation and surprise that the world received an announcement on October 16 last that the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, in an historic conclave, had elected, in succession to Pope John Paul I, a new pope in the person of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, where, in 1966, with many of my parliamentary colleagues in a delegation commemorating the one thousandth anniversary of Christianity in Poland, we witnessed the inspiring religious devotion, the deep, flourishing faith and religious tradition of the people. A staunch defender of religious freedom and human rights, the new Pope chose the name of John Paul II, recognizing the achievements of his two illustrious predecessors.

Canada was honoured by the two visits Pope John Paul II, as Cardinal Wojtyla, made to our country in 1969 and 1976, when many Canadians had the privilege of meeting him and being edified by his many qualities. We who had the pleasure of speaking to His Holiness were greatly inspired and fortified in the faith. Christians and members of many faiths have joined in extending best wishes to the new Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. I should like to associate myself with these tributes.

Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable John J. Connolly, that the Honourable the Speaker convey the felicitations and the prayers of the Senate of Canada to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the fervent wish that his pontificate may be blessed in the service of men of good will everywhere.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Perrault tabled:

Copies of Reports of the Administrator under the Anti-Inflation Act, pursuant to section 17(3) of the said Act, Chapter 75, Statutes of Canada, 1974-75-76, respecting certain compensation plans, as follows:

1. Libby, McNeill & Libby of Canada Limited, Chatham, Ontario and the group of its Chatham plant employees represented by the International Union,

United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (U.A.W.), Local 127. Order dated August 24, 1978.

2. Town of Port Hope, Ontario, and the group of its police officers represented by the Port Hope Police Association. Order dated September 22, 1978.

3. Treasury Board of Canada and its Economics, Sociology and Statistics Group. Order dated September 20, 1978.

Copies of Report entitled "A Study of Profit Margins in the Food Industry" by the Anti-Inflation Board, which study was requested by the Minister of Finance.

Copies of an Amendment to the Capital Budget of the Export Development Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1978, pursuant to section 70(2) of the Financial Administration Act, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with copy of Order in Council P.C. 1978-2559, dated August 16, 1978, approving same.

Report of operations under the Foreign Investment Review Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 30 of the said Act, Chapter 46, Statutes of Canada, 1973-74.

Copies of contract, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, Chapter R-9, R.S.C., 1970, entered into between the Government of Canada and the Municipality of Hampton, in the Province of New Brunswick.

Report of the Department of National Revenue containing Tables and Statements relative to Customs, Excise and Taxation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, pursuant to section 5 of the Department of National Revenue Act, Chapter N-15, R.S.C., 1970.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Senator Flynn: Honourable senators, may I ask the Leader of the Government if he does not feel in better form to deal with the emergency legislation at this time than he would have earlier this morning?

Senator Langlois: He is always in good form.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, I can only echo what has been expressed by our deputy leader. I always attempt to be in good form.

Senator Flynn: Dangerously well.

Senator Perrault: I do think it may be worthwhile clarifying briefly, especially for the media, the situation last night and early this morning. I want to emphasize that even had we