

tures proposed in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992. I ask that the report be printed as an appendix to *Debates* and the *Minutes of the Proceedings* of this day and 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, p. 1145.)

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

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

[English]

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-13, to establish a federal environmental assessment process.

Bill read first time.

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

On motion of Senator Lynch-Staunton, bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading Thursday next, March 26, 1992.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-64, to amend the Northwest Territories Act.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 58(1)(f), I move that the bill be given second reading tomorrow.

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, the Deputy Leader of the Government has discussed this matter with me. I have had the opportunity to read the *Hansard* from the House of Commons outlining the reason for the urgency. I realize that the request comes from the Northwest Territories. This is not a delay. Nor is the fact that this matter is before us only now the fault of the government; it is for other reasons. The request coming from the Northwest Territories has a deadline of next Tuesday, March 31, so that their laws will not be out of order. therefore, I am prepared to give leave on behalf of the Opposition to proceed tomorrow.

[Senator Leblanc.]

Motion agreed to, and bill placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25, 1992.

GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Pat Carney: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, March 26, I will call the attention of the Senate to the 1992 Global Parliamentarians Conference on Human Settlement and Sustainable Development, which was held in Vancouver, B.C., from March 16 to 18.

GLOBE '92 CONFERENCE

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Pat Carney: I also give notice that on Thursday, March 26, I will call the attention of the Senate to the Globe '92 Conference, held in Vancouver, B.C., from March 16 to 20.

OPEN SKIES TREATY

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Thursday next, March 26, I will call the attention of the Senate to the signing of the Open Skies Treaty at Helsinki on Tuesday, March 24, by 24 member states of the North Atlantic Treaty and the former Warsaw Pact, and the importance of the treaty as a confidence-building procedure.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I have some petitions which deal, as before, with the GST, and request, as before, that the tax be repealed, that the legislation establishing the tax be repealed, that the administration therefore be dismantled and that there be an immediate election. So the form is as with other petitions that I have presented.

Senator Simard: Do you support that request?

Senator Frith: Of an immediate election?

Senator Simard: Are you ready?

Senator Frith: Of course, yes. Make us an offer.

Senator Simard: I am making a note.

Senator Frith: On the basis of last week, Senator Simard seems to have a new status. He is being introduced or brought in to the chairs and thrones of power gradually, honourable senators will have noticed, by answering questions. When Senator Murray is asked questions, sometimes, just as the Prime Minister in the House sort of nods back to one of his