

CANADA-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

MOTION TO PRINT NINTH REPORT
AS APPENDIX

Hon. Jean-Paul Deschatelets: Honourable senators, with leave, I move that the report of the Ninth Meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, tabled today, be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day.

Hon. M. Wallace McCutcheon: Honourable senators, before the motion is adopted, may I ask if this is a report of the meeting a year ago?

Hon. Mr. Deschatelets: I am sorry, I cannot give the honourable Senator McCutcheon an answer because I have not seen the report. This report was among the documents that were brought to my attention just a few minutes before the opening and I just tabled them.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: There is a meeting of this organization starting tomorrow, honourable senators, and I was curious as to what report was being tabled—whether we are tabling reports in advance or in arrears. If they are in arrears, they are a year in arrears.

Hon. Mr. Croll: They are always in arrears.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, as a member of this group may I say that the report which has been tabled is that of a meeting held last May.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: That is what I thought. I see it started on my birthday.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Braniford): May I ask if there is a meeting of this same group commencing tomorrow? I thought Senator McCutcheon referred to a meeting of this group tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: I understand there will be a meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group starting tomorrow. I believe there will be some changes of faces, but it is the same organization.

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, there will be a meeting tomorrow. I understand that the committee will meet here in Ottawa from May 10 to 12 and in Montreal from May 12 to 14. So far as the Opposition side of this house is concerned, Senator O'Leary (Carleton) and Senator Beaubien

(Bedford) will be delegates. I do not know about the other side.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: They are away preparing for the meeting now.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it your pleasure to adopt the motion? Motion agreed to.

(For text of report see Appendix pp. 23-32.)

[Translation]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE
ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session.

Hon. Paul Desruisseaux moved, seconded by Hon. John Nichol:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this house to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Honourable senators, I shall not try to stress here, on this occasion, the distress and regret we all felt on the death of the late lamented General Vanier, of the beloved wife of our distinguished Speaker, and of some of our most worthy senators, since these sentiments have been so well expressed by so many, including the Government and Opposition Leaders in the Senate.

However, I think it would be fitting for me to express today once more, on behalf of all the honourable senators and on the motion for the adoption of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, our satisfaction and pleasure at the appointment of His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener as Governor General, a man