

Bill SD-70, for the relief of Marie Aurore Cecile Gauthier Thomson.

Bill SD-71, for the relief of James Dunn Drummond.

Bill SD-72, for the relief of Marie Eva Desorcy Valiquette.

Bill SD-73, for the relief of Norman Silver.

Bill SD-74, for the relief of Herbert Everett Follette.

Bill SD-75, for the relief of Abie Cubitz.

Bill SD-76, for the relief of Eva Shtull Hager.

Bill SD-77, for the relief of Georges Etienne Brais.

Bill SD-78, for the relief of Barbara Eisenstein Packer.

Bills read first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Next sitting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, in accordance with the notice I gave yesterday I now move that the names of the Honourable Senators Brunt, Emerson and Thorvaldson be added to the list of senators serving on the Standing Committee on Finance.

Motion agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY— DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Monette, seconded by Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson, for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Sydney J. Smith (Kamloops): Honourable senators, as I rise to participate in the Throne Speech debate in the Twenty-Fourth Parliament I am reminded of my early days in this house, when I had the honour of seconding the motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne, during the Twenty-Second Parliament. I know many of my honourable colleagues who have joined us in the intervening months will understand me well when I say that my early activities here were enshrouded in fear. I received a lot of good advice from my friends, as no doubt all of you have, and one admonition that has remained fixed in my mind was given me by one of

the veterans who was endeavouring to impress me with the necessity of exercising patience, caution and prudence. In order to bring his point home he said to me, "You know, it takes the average member for Parliament the first year and a half he is in Ottawa to learn how to hang up his hat and coat." Well, honourable senators, that was about a year and a half ago and, as a toddler now, I feel the urge to go exploring. That is the spirit in which I am going to attempt to tell you some things today that I feel it my duty to draw to your attention.

However, before launching into the substance of my address, I wish to associate myself with the complimentary remarks of previous speakers directed to the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine), the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Macdonald), and particularly those two honourable senators who moved and seconded the motion which is under debate. I wish to discuss some matters of pertinent import to British Columbia. While I have the honour to represent the very best portion of the province, known as the Interior, I am going to take the liberty of trespassing on all parts of the beautiful province of British Columbia.

The people of our province are this year celebrating a Centenary. There have been kind references and good wishes expressed on both sides of this house toward the province of British Columbia in its Centennial year. This is an indication that there is nation-wide knowledge of our Centenary project. I would like to have the gift of an artist or a poet to give honourable senators a proper picture of the gala program which is now under way and will be carried out in every community in our province throughout the whole year of 1958. Communities are vying with one another in their local Centennial projects. Some are building swimming pools, others ice arenas, libraries, et cetera. To detail a complete list of centennial projects under way throughout the entire province I would eventually have to refer to every institution that is the pride and joy of communities every place. This part of the program, of course, will provide a permanent and useful monument to the occasion, but material acquisitions are only a small part of the overall program. The arts and crafts and humanities are coming in for their share of attention. To augment the whole program citizens of British Columbia—and when I say 'citizens' I include corporations and organizations of every kind—I say the people of British Columbia have entered into the spirit of Centennial year in various ways. Some have taken great pains to have their grounds appropriately laid out