THE SENATE

Wednesday, June 19, 1985

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Honourable Martial Asselin, Speaker *pro tempore*, in the Chair.

Prayers.

OLD AGE SECURITY

DE-INDEXATION OF PENSIONS—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Hon. Earl A. Hastings: Honourable senators, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of residents of the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of the residents of the electoral district of Edmonton South, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Honourable senators, I have the honour to present a petition to the honourable the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, on behalf of further residents of the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that the Senate will therefore provide a remedy, praying that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, respect his commitment of the 1984 election campaign to maintain full indexation of old age pensions.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

[Translation]

Senator Flynn: And the audience applauds.

Senator Frith: And everybody else.

[English]

Senator Perrault: As empty as Tory promises.

OIL SUBSTITUTION AND CONSERVATION

REPORT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-24 TABLED

Hon. Earl A. Hastings, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, tabled the following report:

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The Standing Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has the honour to present its

SECOND REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the subjectmatter of the Bill C-24, intituled: "An Act to amend the Oil Substitution and Conservation Act and the Canadian Home Insulation Program Act", has, in obedience to the Order of Reference of June 12, 1985, examined and considered the said subject-matter and now reports that it recommends that the said Bill, when examined by the Senate, be favourably considered.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL A. HASTINGS Chairman NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE REPORT

Hon. Earl A. Hastings, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to publish and distribute its interim report on the review of the National Energy Program as soon as it becomes available, even though the Senate may not then be sitting.

Senator Perrault: Don't count on it. Motion agreed to.

WESTERN GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO EXAMINE SUBJECT MATTER OF BILL C-44

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(e), moved: