

wonder if the Leader of the Government in the Senate can assure the Senate that he will be renewing his efforts to see that the item which he told me was at the top of the agenda yesterday goes over the top tomorrow.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): I acknowledge the persistence of my honourable friend. I do not think I have been in the Senate recently on a day on which she has not asked a question about the sugar-beet industry.

I have given the best answers I can; I have nothing to add to what I have said previously.

ENERGY

OIL-PRICING—GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Thomas H. Lefebvre: Honourable senators, in the absence of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, I posed a few questions to the deputy leader two weeks ago requesting certain information with regard to the price of gasoline to the retailers and consumers of Canada. Senator Doody, at that time, said he would look into the matter to see if he could bring back a reply.

I wonder if I could ask the government house leader, now that he is back in the chamber, if he would use his good offices to check out answers to the questions I addressed to Senator Doody in his absence, and try to bring an answer to this chamber tomorrow.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): Without wishing to be too picky, I should say to my honourable friend that the government house leader is not here; that is Senator Doody, and he is someplace else.

I will undertake to answer on his behalf, but I cannot pledge myself to produce an answer tomorrow. An answer will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

THE ECONOMY

VALUE OF CANADIAN DOLLAR—TIMING AND EXTENT OF MARKET INTERVENTION—APPEARANCE OF GOVERNOR OF BANK OF CANADA BEFORE THE SENATE

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I should like to raise the rather intriguing possibility that the Leader of the Government put forth in answer to questions by the Leader of the Opposition to the effect that we might have a session with the Governor of the Bank of Canada. I wonder if the leader could look into that and let us know tomorrow just how possible that is, logistically, and how we would bring it about by way of procedure.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): I think that that is a matter that the Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce is traditionally well-equipped to handle. That committee can meet, and if the members of that committee so desire, they can issue an invitation to the Governor of the Bank of Canada. On past occasions, as far as my recollection goes, he has always accepted such invitations.

[Senator Fairbairn.]

Senator Frith: I understood that the possibility existed of having the governor appear before a committee of the Senate, but it is the other intriguing possibility that was also included in the response by the Leader of the Government that I would ask him to explore. I know about his availability to committees, but the possibility of having the governor appear in the Senate for questioning and discussion is, as I said, an intriguing possibility. I think it would be very beneficial to the Senate and, perhaps, even very beneficial to the government.

Senator Roblin: It may be an intriguing suggestion, but it certainly was not made by me, nor would I support it.

Hon. John M. Godfrey: I should like to draw Senator Roblin's attention to the fact that the committee before which the governor has appeared in the past was the National Finance Committee.

Senator Roblin: I thank my honourable friend; it was the National Finance Committee.

Senator Frith: Unless something happens between the "blues" and the "finals," the Leader of the Government will see that he did say that it would be possible for him to be here, and that is what I would like him to explore.

Senator Roblin: I do not think I said that; I am positive I did not say that. If I did say it, I "unsay" it, because that is not my idea and it does not have my support.

Senator Frith: All right. That is clear. In that case we will explore it.

Senator Flynn: That was suggested by the Leader of the Opposition.

Senator Frith: Yes, and acceded to. We will see; we can explore it.

Senator Flynn: I was intrigued by the suggestion.

Senator Frith: We can explore it, if you will not.

Senator Roblin: Go ahead.

[Translation]

MARRIAGE (PROHIBITED DEGREES) BILL

THIRD READING—MOTION IN AMENDMENT—DEBATE ADJOURNED

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Stanbury, seconded by the Honourable Senator Petten, for the third reading of the Bill S-2, intituled: "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws prohibiting marriage between related persons",

And on the motion in amendment thereto of the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Bélisle, that the Bill be not now read the third time but that it be amended as follows:

1. Strike out paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subclause 2(2) and substitute the following:

"(a) lineally by consanguinity or adoption, or