

The conference called by the UN General Assembly, with the Organization of African Unity and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, has as its main objective the mobilization of additional humanitarian relief for refugees throughout Africa.

Canada has announced at the conference a contribution of \$22.4 million as follows: \$16 million on emergency food aid to countries where the refugee problem is most acute—Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda; and \$6.4 million on international humanitarian assistance to programs of different international agencies responding to highest priority needs—and the exact allocation has not yet been determined.

I am able to advise honourable senators that Canada will also continue to encourage the participation of Canadian non-governmental organizations in refugee assistance projects through matching grants.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

[Translation]

THIRD WORLD—CANADIAN AID

Senator Asselin: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question concerning what the Leader of the Government has just said. What percentage of the gross national product will this government allocate to international assistance programs this year? If I am not mistaken, last year, when I was responsible for international assistance as the Minister of State responsible for CIDA, this percentage was 0.4½ per cent of the gross national product. This represented a decrease from previous years, when it had been 0.6 per cent. Does the government intend to increase this percentage in view of the present problems in the Third World?

[English]

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I do not yet have the exact percentage figure, for this year, of aid which has been designated for international relief and assistance, but the question will be taken as notice and the information will be provided for honourable senators when it is received.

THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—
MOTION IN AMENDMENT—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Frith:

That an Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada; and

On the motion in amendment thereto of the Honourable Senator Yuzyk, seconded by the Honourable Senator Tremblay, that the motion be amended in Schedule B of the resolution by inserting immediately after Clause 28 the following:

[Senator Perrault.]

“28.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Charter, the rights and freedoms set out herein are guaranteed equally to men and women.”—(Honourable Senator Frith).

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I ask that this order, standing in my name, stand in the name of Senator Lang.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Order stands.

NOVA SCOTIA

OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS—HISTORICAL FACTS—BRITISH
COLUMBIA REFERENCE CASE—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the inquiry of the Honourable Senator Smith calling the attention of the Senate to some of the historical facts relevant to the claim of Nova Scotia to minerals off its shores which distinguish that claim from the British Columbia claim as dealt with by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Reference re Ownership of Offshore Mineral Rights* (the British Columbia Reference case), (1967) Supreme Court Reports, 792, and (1968) 65 Dominion Law Reports (2d), 353, and submit that the said decision does not decide the ownership of minerals off the shores of Nova Scotia.—(Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C.).

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I understand that Senator Cook is prepared to speak on this order; therefore I ask that it stand in his name.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Order stands.

AGRICULTURE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO INVITE MINISTER OF STATE FOR
THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD TO APPEAR AS WITNESS

Hon. Harry Hays, pursuant to notice of Wednesday, March 25, 1981, moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture be authorized to invite the Minister of State for the Canadian Wheat Board to appear before it to discuss matters arising out of his responsibilities for the *Canadian Wheat Board Act*, the *Western Grain Stabilization Act* and the Grains Group.

Senator Flynn: Has the minister invited the invitation?

Senator Roblin: Will he accept?