

THE SENATE

Friday, February 13, 1981

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate with a change in the list of members appointed to serve on the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments.

(For text of message, see today's Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate.)

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SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGES IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that messages had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate with changes in the list of members appointed to serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada.

(For text of messages, see today's Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate.)

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government) tabled:

Report of operations under the *International River Improvements Act* for the year ended December 31, 1980, pursuant to section 10 of the said Act, Chapter I-22, R.S.C., 1970.

Summary of Ocean Dumping Permits issued under the authority of the Minister of Environment Canada for the year ended December 31, 1979, pursuant to section 28(3) of the *Ocean Dumping Control Act*, Chapter 55, Statutes of Canada, 1974-75-76.

Report of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, pursuant to section 10 of the *Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Act*, Chapter C-27, R.S.C., 1970, together with the Report of the Commissioner of Patents pursuant to section 27 of the *Patent Act*, Chapter P-4, R.S.C., 1970, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1980.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE TABLED AND PRINTED AS AN APPENDIX

Hon. Harry Hays: Honourable senators—

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Hays:—I have the honour to table the report of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada, and ask that it be printed as an appendix to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* and to the *Debates of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see appendix, p. 1669)

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR IN GALLERY

MR. SERGE JOYAL, M.P.—JOINT CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

Hon. Harry Hays: Honourable senators, I wonder if I might introduce Mr. Joyal, the Joint Chairman of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution. He is present in the gallery today, and I would like to say he did a tremendous job.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRANSPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN—WEATHER SHIPS—AIR-SEA RESCUE

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have a delayed answer to a question asked by Senator Bell on January 22, 1981, concerning the weather ships on the west coast.

On October 7, 1980, the Minister of the Environment announced the withdrawal of the Canadian weather ships from the Pacific Ocean, effective June, 1981.

New technology is being developed by Environment Canada as an alternative to the present weather ships. The new system includes a station to receive and process imagery from weather satellites, new automatic weather stations along the British Columbia coast, a network of drifting buoys in the northeast