

THE SENATE

Thursday, December 11, 1980

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the following communication had been received:

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

December 11, 1980

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 11th day of December, at 5.00 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler
Secretary to the Governor General

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

THE CONSTITUTION

SPECIAL 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 of changes in the list of members appointed to serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada.

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

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 2, 1980-81

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-47, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending 31st March, 1981.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), I move that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 3, 1980-81

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-49, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending 31st March, 1981.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 44(1)(f), I move that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later this day.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I may not object, but I will draw to the attention of the Leader of the Government the fact that we have not received copies of these bills yet. I quite understand that it is required on his side to take such matters on faith, but such is not the case on this side.

Senator Frith: Honourable senators, that is correct. Bill C-49 was just given that number when it was dealt with in the House of Commons last evening. I have a copy with "Bill