

Goldenberg, for the second reading of the Bill S-11, intituled: "An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act".—(*Honourable Senator Murray*).

Hon. Lowell Murray: Honourable senators, discussions are now taking place between the chief electoral officer and others regarding the subject matter of Bill S-11 and related matters, and I would like to see those discussions proceed and perhaps result in some consensus before intervening in this debate. For that reason, I would ask that this order stand until January 13, 1981.

Order stands.

CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AS CAUSES OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

REPORT OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE—
ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the consideration of the Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science, entitled: "Child at Risk", tabled in the Senate on 16th October, 1980.—(*Honourable Senator Frith*).

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have discussed this item with Senator McGrand with a view to having it stand until January 13. I have already spoken to Senator Macdonald about this. We could always bring it forward if necessary, but it is being held on the Order Paper in anticipation of some developments that might give rise to further interventions.

That being the case, I think it would be appropriate that it be put over to January 13.

Order stands.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ENTITLED "CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION"—INQUIRY STANDS

On the Inquiry of Senator Lamontagne:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs entitled: "Certain Aspects of the Canadian Constitution", tabled in the Senate on 26th November, 1980.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, it is Senator Lamontagne's intention to proceed with this inquiry on Thursday of this week. It will be recalled from a previous discussion that it is our hope to have Senator Lamontagne speak to this inquiry on an occasion when the Senate members of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution will be able to be present to hear his speech. With that in mind, we intend to discuss with the whips and

[*Senator Frith*.]

house leaders the possibility of having Senator Lamontagne's intervention on this inquiry made before Question Period on Thursday. This will enable those honourable senators who serve on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution to hear Senator Lamontagne's speech, and still attend that committee's meeting on Thursday.

Inquiry stands.

NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—
DEBATE ADJOURNED

On the Inquiry of Senator Bonnell:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Atlantic Assembly, held in Brussels, Belgium, from 14th to 23rd November, 1980, and in particular to the discussions and proceedings of the Session and the participation therein of the delegation from Canada.

Hon. Paul Yuzyk: Honourable senators, I am indeed grateful to Senator Bonnell for allowing me to speak ahead of him on this topic.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Moscow Olympic Games, Soviet repressive measures against human rights activists, the U.S. hostages in Iran and the Madrid Review Conference of the Helsinki Final Act were the concerns of the 15 parliamentary delegations in attendance at the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the North Atlantic Assembly, held at Brussels, Belgium, from November 14 to 23 this year.

Canada's delegation of 13 members of the House of Commons and 6 members of the Senate played a prominent role in the deliberations of the Assembly. Our delegation was headed by Mr. Leonard Hopkins, and Mr. Lloyd Francis, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, also participated. The Senate was represented by the following senators: Lorne Bonnell, Earl Hastings, Henry Hicks, Paul Lafond, Lowell Murray and me. There were two rapporteurs of committees: Mr. Ian Watson of the Scientific and Technical Committee, and myself of the Subcommittee on the Free Flow of Information and People. The delegation was served by Mr. Stephen Knowles, as Secretary, and Mr. Roger Hill, from the Parliamentary Centre, as adviser.

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The Belgians gave full support to the Assembly and proved to be gracious hosts. King Beaudoin I attended the official opening. Mr. J. Michel, President of the Chamber of Representatives, and Senator E. Leemans, President of the Senate, held a reception for all the delegates and their wives. Welcoming addresses at the official opening were delivered by them and also by Mr. Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister of Belgium.

The Canadian Ambassador to NATO, Mr. John Halstead, and the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. d'Iberville Fortier, gave receptions for the Canadian delegation and their wives. A large closing reception was offered by Mr. Jack