

LABOUR RELATIONS

MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Deschatelets, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator McIlraith, P.C.:

That a special committee of the Senate, to be composed of seven members, be appointed to inquire into and report upon

(a) any matter relating to labour relations in Canada with particular reference to problems concerning the free collective bargaining process and the constructive settlement of disputes; and

(b) any proposals for a more orderly and less disruptive exercise of the right to strike.

That the Committee have power to engage the services of such technical, clerical and other personnel as may be necessary for the purposes of the inquiry; and

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee.—(*Honourable Senator Frith*).

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have discussed what I am about to suggest with the proposer of this inquiry, Senator Deschatelets, and with your permission I will ask that this order stand for a month.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.
Order stands.

THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WITHDRAWN

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, in view of the fact that we will probably have the text of a new resolution before us tomorrow, I would ask for the unanimous consent of honourable senators to discharge the house order agreed to on April 15, 1981, and to withdraw the motion for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen. Pursuant to rule 23, I ask leave to withdraw the motion of February 19, as amended, standing in my name:

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

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, as you know, in order to withdraw this motion we must have the unanimous consent of the Senate. Is there unanimity?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.
Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

[Senator Frith.]

AGRICULTURE

COMMITTEE MEETING AT LENNOXVILLE, QUEBEC—AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS

Leave having been given to revert to Notices of Motions:

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture has set up a series of meetings to be held at various cities across the country. The first such meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Through an oversight, authority was not obtained from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to draw certain preliminary funds in order to finance this series of hearings. Since the first hearing is to begin tomorrow in Lennoxville, Quebec, it seemed to some of us who discussed this matter that the only way to handle it would be to have the chairman of the Agriculture Committee explain his predicament, if he wishes to add anything to what I have said. He can request of the Senate permission to draw down a certain amount, subject to eventual approval by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

● (1510)

So, I will call on Senator Hays to make that request and to add anything he wishes to what I have said.

Hon. Harry Hays: Thank you very much, Senator Frith.

Honourable senators, through an oversight on my part the committee neglected to obtain prior approval of its budget from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. It is my hope that that committee will, when it meets tomorrow, approve the budget we will present to it, even though it will only have a short time to study the details of that budget.

The committee is scheduled to travel to Lennoxville, Quebec, tomorrow to hold a meeting. I would be quite upset, as I am sure the other members of the committee would be, if we were prevented from continuing on as arranged owing to this oversight on my part—and I do take full responsibility for it.

In order to overcome the problem facing us I would respectfully ask that the Senate approve today an advance of \$3,230 to enable us to get our investigation under way as scheduled.

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, under the circumstances the proposal seems reasonable. The Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the subcommittee will undoubtedly be proceeding to a consideration of the budget for this trip and, I understand, future trips that have been planned by the committee, and in view of that I think the committee should be allowed to go in peace to Lennoxville tomorrow.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it agreed, honourable senators, that I put the motion at this time?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, it is moved by the Honourable Senator Hays, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Godfrey: