

THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—
PROPOSED OPPOSITION AMENDMENTS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 24,
1981, PRINTED AS APPENDIX

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, before proceeding further I should like to make a brief statement.

During the last sitting of the Senate, on Friday, April 24, 1981, the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C. intended to move certain amendments to the motion that an Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada. Those amendments were not moved, but, as indicated on page 2372 of *Debates of the Senate*, it was agreed that they should be included in Senator Flynn's speech.

Through inadvertence, those amendments did not appear in the *Debates* of that day, and it is now suggested that they be printed as an appendix to today's proceedings.

Is this procedure agreeable to honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of proposed amendments see Appendix "A", p. 2398.)

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DOCUMENTS TABLED

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

Report of The Commission of Inquiry Into Certain Allegations Concerning Commercial Practices of The Canadian Dairy Commission (Commissioner, The Honourable Mr. Justice Hugh F. Gibson), dated December 29, 1980.

Report of the Department of Fisheries and Environment for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1980, pursuant to section 7 of the *Department of Fisheries and Oceans Act*, Part I, and section 7 of the *Department of the Environment Act*, Part III, Chapter 13, Statutes of Canada, 1978-79.

Capital Budget of the Northern Canada Power Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981, pursuant to section 70(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with Order in Council P.C. 1981-279, dated February 5, 1981, approving same.

Capital Budget of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1982, pursuant to section 70(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, Chapter F-10, R.S.C., 1970, together with Order in Council P.C. 1981-1073, dated April 16, 1981, approving same.

Report on operations under Part II of the *Export Credits Insurance Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981, pursuant to section 27 of the said Act, Chapter 105, R.S.C., 1952.

EXCISE TAX

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE
COMMITTEE TABLED AND PRINTED AS APPENDIX

Hon. A. Irvine Barrow: Honourable senators, I have the honour to table the preliminary report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce on the subject matter of Bill C-57, to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act and to provide for a revenue tax in respect of petroleum and gas. I would ask that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent records of this house.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of report see Appendix "B", p. 2400.)

NATIONAL FINANCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE
SENATE

Hon. Douglas D. Everett, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance have power to sit while the Senate is sitting on Wednesday, May 27, 1981, and that rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, may we have an explanation?

Senator Everett: Honourable senators, we had arranged to have the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Ian Stewart, appear at 9.30 next Thursday morning. Unfortunately, he has had to cancel that appearance, and it is rescheduled for the following Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. We are hopeful that the Senate will permit us to meet at that time.

There will be a number of distinguished witnesses appearing before the committee next week. On Tuesday at 1.30 p.m. the Governor of the Bank of Canada will appear; on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. the Deputy Minister of Finance will appear; and on Thursday at 9.30 a.m. the President of the Treasury Board will appear. It will be a most interesting week.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

THE ECONOMY

REAL DISPOSABLE INCOME OF CANADIANS—STATEMENT BY
PRIME MINISTER

Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I should like to inquire of the Leader of the