

THE SENATE

Wednesday, May 19, 1954

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

CRIMINAL CODE BILL

AUTHORITY TO PRINT COMMITTEE
PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented a report of the committee.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

Your committee recommend that it be authorized to print 400 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its proceedings on the said bill, and that Rule 100 be suspended in relation to the said printing.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Hayden: With leave, I move that the report be concurred in now.

The motion was agreed to.

INTERNATIONAL RAPIDS POWER
DEVELOPMENT BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. A. K. Hugessen, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, presented the report of the committee on Bill B-15.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to whom was referred the Bill B-15, intituled: "An Act to amend the International Rapids Power Development Act", have in obedience to the order of reference of May 12, 1954, examined the said bill and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

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

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Next sitting.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

REPORT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CONCURRED IN

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the report of the Civil Service Commission respecting the staff of the Library of Parliament.

Hon. Norman P. Lambert moved that the report be concurred in.

He said: Honourable senators will notice that the report of the Civil Service Commission reclassifying certain positions on the staff of the Library of Parliament was printed in yesterday's Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate. This report is in response to the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Committee on the Library that was presented to the Senate on Thursday last.

I have nothing further to say, except to remark upon the prompt action of the Civil Service Commission in this matter.

The same report was passed yesterday in the other house, unanimously, and without comment.

Hon. Mr. Reid: Honourable senators, before the motion carries I want to compliment the Civil Service Commission upon acting so promptly. It is not often that we have such prompt action from the commission. However, I find some of its recommendations most intriguing, if not mystifying.

A quick glance at the new classifications indicates to me that the salary range between Reference Librarian, Grades 1 and 2, is almost \$700, while between Grades 4 and 5 it is only slightly more than \$200. On the other hand, the difference between a Reference Librarian, Grade 5, and the Chief Reference Librarian is almost \$900. I draw these figures to the attention of honourable senators so that when we next examine the affairs of the Library of Parliament we can ask the Civil Service Commission why the salary range is not uniform from grade to grade.

The motion was agreed to, and the report was concurred in.

CANADA-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON
COMMERCEMOTION FOR APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION—
DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Beauregard:

That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament approve the ratification by Canada of the Agreement on Commerce between Canada and Japan, signed at Ottawa, March 31, 1954, and that this house do approve the same.

Hon. John T. Haig: Honourable members, I have been reminded by two of my colleagues on this side that I sometimes forget myself and address my remarks to Mr. Speaker. My earlier training accounts for my forgetting at times the accepted procedure.