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SPEAKER'S RULING

Electronic Devices

I thank Honourable Senator Carstairs for raising this matter at our session this afternoon, and I want to draw all honourable senators' attention to page 19 of our rule book, rule 19(4). It reads as follows:

No person, nor any Senator, shall bring any electronic device which produces any sound, whether for personal communication or other use, into the Senate Chamber, whether on the floor, inside the Bar, outside the Bar, or in the galleries.

Honourable senators, the reading of the rule is crystal clear, and I would encourage all honourable senators to act accordingly.