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Senator Frith: Honourable senators, I would prefer to explain my reasons for moving the adjournment of the debate to Senator Hicks rather than to the Senate. If, after my explanation, he still wishes that I explain my reasons to the Senate, I shall do so. The adjournment will be to the next sitting, which is next Tuesday. I can say that my reasons for moving the adjournment of the debate are the same as they were for not granting leave for the motion to be dealt with last week.

Senator Hicks: Honourable senators, I do not understand what they were either.

Senator Frith: I explained them to you at some length last week, and it would be a waste of time to explain them now.

Senator Hicks: Well, what they amounted to was a shooting down of the finishing of the work of the committee, and I certainly cannot agree to that.

Senator Frith: Then, I shall explain. The reason is that I asked Senator Hicks, as we ask all members on this side when they are moving motions on which they want the support of

our caucus, to bring the matter before caucus so that caucus may decide. If someone wants to move a motion without discussing it with caucus, then he must not expect that he can count on the support of caucus. I asked that I not have to explain—

Senator Doody: This is very embarrassing.

Senator Frith:—and that is what I explained to the honourable senator last week. Nothing has changed since that leave was refused, and the matter has not been discussed.

Senator Doody: These quarrels are very embarrassing.

Senator Hicks: Honourable senators, it is true that I have been absent from some events because of illness, but I had understood that this matter was placed before caucus in my absence.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Hicks: Nay.

On motion of Senator Frith, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, December 27, 1988, at 2 p.m.
