

Speech would have to come before the House, and ample time would be afforded hon. members to give their opinions on them. He could not allow this the first occasion he had to pass, without congratulating the Government on having changed their ways, though he regretted that there was no gentleman on the Treasury Benches who could understand his remarks. Hon. gentlemen would remember that on many occasions during past Sessions he had to criticize the Government for having refused justice to a part of the population of this Dominion; that for many years past, though the Confederation Act recognized two official languages, one, the French, had been ignored. He had much pleasure, after having had on so many occasions to condemn the Government for their direlection of duty in that respect, to be able now, with all sincerity, to congratulate them on evident signs of change of heart. He congratulated them on the appointment of a gentleman speaking the French language to the Speakership of the Commons, and also on the appointment of the hon. Senator from Windsor (Mr. Casgrain) as representing the French nationality in Ontario in the Senate; and further for having asked a gentleman of the same nationality to move the resolutions in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered that the said address be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are members of the Privy Council.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

#### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Tuesday, April 19th, 1887.*

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

There being no orders on the paper the Senate adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE.

#### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Wednesday, April 20, 1887.*

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

##### MOTION.

HON. MR. SMITH moved that the time for the presenting of petitions for private bills, which expires on the 22nd instant, be extended to the 13th May.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD—There is a motion on the order paper for an adjournment to the 10th May. The time given for the presentation of petitions and private bills, by this extension, would be limited to the period between the 10th and 13th May—practically there would be only two days after the adjournment, which would not be sufficient and I would suggest that the time be extended to the 20th of May.

HON. MR. MILLER—The motion for adjournment may not carry, and if it does not, the proposed extension is quite long enough.

HON. MR. SMITH—It can be again extended, if the House thinks it necessary to do so.

The motion was agreed to.

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

##### MOTION.

HON. MR. SMITH moved that the time for presenting Private Bills, which expires on Wednesday the 22nd inst., be extended to May 20th.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I do not rise to oppose the motion, but it seems to be anticipating a long adjournment which I cannot endorse. I was in hopes that we were to have a short session, but if the time for introducing Private Bills is extended to the 20th May, the proba-