

should have been done instead. If we work together in this way we can make a contribution to this country's welfare that will justify the existence of the Senate for another century.

Honourable senators, I thank the house for listening to me so long.

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: Honourable senators, I do not intend to proceed today with the few remarks that I wish to make in the debate on the Address, and within a few minutes I shall move adjournment of the debate. First, however, I wish to make two statements for the information of the house. Tomorrow afternoon I shall move that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday evening next. I may say to new senators that the question of whether we should adjourn until Tuesday afternoon or evening is one on which there has never been any unanimity of opinion here, and I have endeavoured to bring the wisdom of Solomon to bear by alternating between the afternoon and evening whenever circumstances permitted.

It is hoped that this session we shall be able to complete our work on the Bankruptcy bill, which has been before us the last two sessions, and send it on in good time to another place. A measure to consolidate various Acts relating to national defence will come before us. Though this measure may not be discussed at length in this chamber,

it undoubtedly will take a good deal of the time of the committees. The members of this house possess considerable talent and experience, and I am sure it would be to our benefit and that of the country at large if as many honourable senators as possible were to express their views in the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. I invite all honourable senators to participate in this debate. The quality of the speeches we heard yesterday prompts me to extend to senators recently appointed to this chamber a special invitation to speak. One senator asked me if it was a tradition in this house that junior members should be seen and not heard.

Some Hon. Senators: No, no.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: That may be the practice in the other place, but it certainly is not so in this house. Whenever possible, I avail myself of the opportunity to ask new members to participate in the proceedings. Tomorrow afternoon I shall speak for a short time, after which any honourable senator who wishes to do so may follow.

Honourable senators, I move the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow.
