THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Robertson moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

TERRITORIAL LANDS BILL

CONCURRENCE IN COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Senate proceeded to consideration of amendments made by the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to Bill C, an Act respecting Crown Lands in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories.

Hon. Mr. Farris moved concurrence in the amendments.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. Farris moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On the Order:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Golding, seconded by the Honourable Senator Veniot, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament.— (Honourable Senator Horner).

Hon. Mr. Horner: Honourable senators, in view of the fact that this chamber and the country have survived to the present without the benefit of the advice which I intend to give in my remarks on this matter, I would hope that nothing serious would happen if, with the leave of the Senate, I were allowed to further postpone what I have to say until Tuesday next.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

The Order stands.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of his Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Deputy Speaker, the Right Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1950.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1951.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Right Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

EASTER RECESS

Hon. Mr. Crerar: Honourable senators, on behalf of the leader of the government (Hon. Mr. Robertson) I move that when this house adjourns—

Hon. Mr. Duff: Honourable senators, before we adjourn I want to say to my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Crerar) that surely it is about time this house were advised about the Easter recess. As a matter of fact, my name has appeared in the newspapers about wanting to get home to do some gardening, and I think it is time we were told when and for how long we are going to adjourn. If my honourable friend cannot tell us that, then he is not doing his job.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Duff: I do not know whether to make my railway reservations for next Wednesday or next Thursday, and I would ask the honourable member from Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar), who is a privy councillor, and a good friend of mine, to find out before we adjourn tonight just when our Easter recess is going to commence.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: I have listened with interest to the request of my honourable friend but I think this is a matter upon which honourable senators should sleep, and reflect. I have no doubt that one day next week my honourable friend will be enlightened on the point that he has raised.

Honourable senators, I move that when this house adjourns it stand adjourned until Monday, March 27, at 8 p.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, March 27 at 8 p.m.