

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(b), I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, on the question of leave, as we have heard from His Honour that there will be Royal Assent this afternoon, there seems to be no point in holding this over, so it might as well receive Royal Assent this afternoon.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Leave having been given to revert to Notices of Motions:

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), moved:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, June 25, 1985, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

He said: Honourable senators, I would like to inform you of the work schedule we have ahead of us next week. The pre-studies that the committees have done have managed to keep us up to our workload. We anticipate receiving from the House of Commons next week five or six bills in addition to the borrowing bill, and I think that adjourning until two o'clock on Tuesday next will allow us to deal with these very effectively. I want to thank honourable senators for their co-operation to date on this work schedule. I have been given to understand, and I know it is not necessary to repeat it, that should the workload increase it may be necessary to sit some evenings. As of now, that does not appear to be necessary but, if it is, I am sure that we will all agree that that course of action should be followed.

● (1520)

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I wonder whether Senator Doody can tell us which bills he expects to come from the House of Commons.

Senator Doody: I understand that today in the other place they are working on Bill C-44, an act to amend the Western Grain Transportation Act. It is to go to committee, and we will receive it some time next week. The next bill is Bill C-26, an act to amend the Old Age Security Act. We thought that we would receive it this afternoon, but I understand that an amendment has been introduced, so it will probably not come over until early next week.

We can expect to receive Bill C-27, an act to amend certain acts in regard to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; Bill C-36, an act to amend the Aeronautics Act; Bill

C-24, an act to amend the Oil Substitution and Conservation Act and the Canadian Home Insulation Program Act; Bill C-39, the Supplementary Fiscal Equalizations Act; Bill C-32, an act to amend the Fisheries Act; and Bill C-53, an act to authorize the disposal of the Northern Transportation Company Limited and the forgiveness of its debts to Her Majesty, and so on. This bill has been referred to the Transport and Communications Committee for pre-study. There are three other bills on this list that are already before our committees—Bill C-31, an act to amend the Indian Act; and Bills C-46 and C-47 dealing with the Divorce Act. That is about it.

Senator Hays: What about Bill C-51?

Senator Doody: Bill C-51 is the borrowing authority bill. I believe it will be brought back to the House to be debated on Tuesday, although I am not sure. That bill, like the others, is in the hands of the other place. As of this moment, that is all the information I have. Of course, it is subject to acts of God and the people in the other chamber.

Senator MacEachen: Honourable senators, I wonder if Senator Doody can tell us whether it is the intention or the determination of the government to have the borrowing authority bill before the end of June, or is it possible that it can be stood until the fall or until the session resumes, whenever that may be?

Senator Doody: It is my understanding that the government would prefer to have that borrowing authority bill as soon as possible. Our National Finance Committee has pre-studied the bill, and we were given the impression by the minister that the government would like to have that bill as soon as possible.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 5.45 p.m. the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy 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 Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, to amend an Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend the Combines Investigation Act, the Customs Act, the Excise Act, the Food and Drugs Act, the Narcotic Control Act, the Parole Act and the Weights and Measures Act, to repeal certain other Acts and to make other consequential amendments (*Bill C-18, Chapter 19*)