

consideration of this report, but simply to move its adoption. However, under the circumstances I think we would like to hear from him, so I suggest that this order stand, unless some member of the committee feels that there is some urgency in having the report adopted today.

Order stands.

● (1500)

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

FIFTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Consideration of the Fifth Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments.—(*Honourable Senator Lafond*).

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, should this order not be standing in the name of Senator Godfrey?

Hon. John M. Godfrey: Yes, it should be in my name. However, it is now standing in the name of Senator Lafond. I have taken the matter up with the Assistant Clerk, and I understand that, technically, it should remain in Senator Lafond's name. I am the one who will be speaking to it.

Order stands.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, before moving the adjournment of the Senate, I should like to report on the subject of our business for the rest of the week.

As you will have noticed, all items on today's order paper have been stood. The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce is at this moment considering Bill C-6, which was referred to it last evening. I understand the committee has the Honourable Pierre Bussières, Minister of State (Finance), before it. There is good reason to hope for comple-

tion of the committee's consideration of Bill C-6 this afternoon, which would put the committee in the position of being able to report the bill to the Senate tomorrow.

If the committee does report the bill tomorrow, it is our intention to proceed immediately to third reading. I have discussed this with Senator Roblin, and he sees no problem with respect to proceeding with third reading tomorrow. Of course, that does not mean there cannot be debate on the motion for third reading. In any event, it seems we will have leave to proceed with third reading tomorrow.

I am going into this detail, honourable senators, because the funeral of our late and beloved former Governor General, the Right Honourable Jules Léger, will take place on Thursday afternoon. It is the intention of the House of Commons not to sit until 8 o'clock in the evening of that day.

If the report of the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee on Bill C-6 is adopted tomorrow afternoon, and the Senate is prepared to proceed immediately to third reading, we would then be in a position to have royal assent tomorrow evening, thereby avoiding a sitting on Friday for the sole purpose of royal assent.

That is the program for the rest of the week, and those are the targets we are aiming for.

Hon. G. I. Smith: Honourable senators, I wonder if I might ask the deputy leader whether the reason for the Senate's not sitting on Thursday also prevents meetings of Senate committees. I know that some committees have meetings scheduled for Thursday morning. Will there be any difficulty in carrying out such plans?

Senator Frith: No, not at all. In fact, I had given some thought to having the Senate sit on Thursday morning for the purpose of royal assent to Bill C-6. However, there cannot be royal assent without the participation of the House of Commons, and that house does not intend to sit until 8 o'clock on Thursday evening. Therefore, I see no impediment at all to meetings of Senate committees on Thursday morning.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.