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tion of this fact I do not need to look on my own side alone, because Liberal members have said, and their statements have appeared in the press, that there is a great change here and that the leader of the opposition has not only justified all that was expected of him by his supporters, but has proved himself to be one of the greatest political leaders that Canada has ever seen.

Every day in this house we have seen the faults and the errors of the Liberal party exposed. Is it any wonder then, Mr. Chairman, that the government do not wish to see this political strength built up on this side of the house? Therefore they scurry away from parliament, away from answering for their misdeeds and their wrongs, and they seek to go to the country without revealing their situation or giving the elected representatives of the people an opportunity of going into their record.

Mr. St. Laurent: Perhaps the hon. member would not mind at this moment my proposing that the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day. I understand that at seven-thirty private bills will be taken up, and some of them have to do with pipe lines. It might be an advantage to give third reading to the bill respecting oil and gas pipe lines before taking up private bills after the dinner recess.

Mr. Jackman: That would be satisfactory. Progress reported.

PIPE LINES ACT**CONTROL OF INTERPROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL OIL OR GAS PIPE LINES**

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Transport) moved the third reading of Bill No. 190, respecting oil or gas pipe lines.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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SATURDAY SITTING ON APRIL 30

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): If I might have the leave of the house I should like to move:

That on Saturday, April 30, 1949, the house do meet at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that there be the same intermissions and the same order of business and procedure as on Friday, April 29, 1949.

I understand that hon. members would wish to have the international wheat agreement and the North Atlantic treaty, two resolutions which are on the order paper, dealt with. If it were not possible to have that done before the adjournment hour

[Mr. Jackman.]

tonight, under this motion we would be able to continue tomorrow to deal with them. I am asking to do that at this time because there is some legislation that is ready for the royal assent, and if it were known that there would be no sitting tomorrow the royal assent would have to take place tonight. For the purpose of knowing whether or not it will be necessary to be summoned to the other place before half past ten it is desirable to have this motion passed at this time. If it is unnecessary to go on tomorrow I am sure that everybody will be quite happy about it. Hon. members will realize that without this motion we shall have to ask that arrangements be made for the royal assent this evening to such legislation as has already been passed.

Mr. Drew: Just before the motion is put, will the Prime Minister indicate whether he is prepared to deal with the discussion of the Atlantic pact and the international wheat agreement.

Mr. St. Laurent: At seven-thirty an hour will be reserved for private bills pursuant to the standing order, so that we shall have to take up as much of that hour as may be required by the house to consider the private bills which are on the order paper. If it is the desire of the house that at eight-thirty we take up the international wheat agreement and the Atlantic pact, that will be agreeable to us. I would not want to prevent the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Jackman) from continuing his speech, but if it were the desire of the house that we go on with the resolutions I have mentioned, the government would be quite prepared to do so, provided the hon. member did not feel that we were treating him unfairly.

Mr. Drew: I would indicate my preference to proceed at eight-thirty with the wheat agreement and the Atlantic pact.

Mr. MacInnis: The party for which I am speaking at the moment will be very glad to support this motion. We are glad to facilitate the business of the house if we can finish within an hour or two of the ordinary adjournment time tonight. If my understanding is right, the official opposition are not going to allow interim supply but just these two other measures. We are in favour of granting the government interim supply because we think it is preferable to having the caretaker government, as it might be called, carrying on under Governor General's warrants. We think the other is much the preferable way, and we shall do everything possible to facilitate the house, because we want to see the election.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?