

should think, in the face of the decision made on a constitutional point by the Supreme Court of Canada, that the federal government can do anything to control the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in this country. As to whether the sale of oleomargarine should be permitted in this country, I need only refer to the views I have already expressed to this house on other occasions. There is very substantial and incontrovertible evidence that oleomargarine is a healthy food. If that is so, why should the tens of thousands of families in this country who find it difficult to make ends meet be deprived of the opportunity to buy a spread for their bread which costs less than butter? I shall repeat what has been said in former debates in this house: that for scores of years some of the finest dairy countries in the world have authorized the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. I think it is a complete misconception to think that the sale of margarine in Canada will destroy our dairy industry. I am sure that my honourable friend from Blaine Lake will not take offence at my remarks. The question is one which the federal government cannot deal with except by restricting importation through prohibitive customs tariffs, which it undoubtedly has the power to do.

Hon. Mr. Horner: It taxes soft drinks. Why could it not impose a tax on margarine?

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, I am advised that there is no prospect of our receiving legislation from another place in

time to have the Royal Assent before 6 o'clock. Therefore I suggest that the house adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 8 o'clock the sitting was resumed.

PIPE LINES BILL

COMMONS AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons to return Bill Z-3, an Act respecting oil or gas pipe lines, and to acquaint the Senate that they have passed the said bill with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

When shall these amendments be taken into consideration.

Hon. Mr. Copp: Honourable senators, I move that these amendments be concurred in now.

The amendments were read by the Clerk Assistant.

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. Copp: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns tonight it stand adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.