

As I have said, I do not think that this is a matter of life or death—I will be quite cheerful whatever the outcome is—but I would like to test the views of honourable senators.

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, I would point out that the normal procedure followed in this chamber is for the Speaker to rise and ask if leave is granted. I do not believe that procedure was followed. Therefore, there was no opportunity to refuse leave.

Senator Hicks: But you were not refusing leave for me to make the motion now. You gave me leave to make the motion now, thus dispensing with the notice. That is what the leave amounted to! You now do not like the substance of the motion that I made, or you do not like the explanation that I gave in support of it. That is quite understandable to me. You must simply vote the motion down, then; that is all.

The Hon. the Speaker: My understanding, honourable senators, is that leave was granted. I asked if leave was granted. I agree with Senator Hicks that we can either vote down the motion or approve it.

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, I move the adjournment of the debate.

The Hon. the Speaker: It is moved by the Honourable Senator Phillips, seconded by the Honourable Senator Doody, that further debate be adjourned until the next sitting of the Senate.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Senator MacEachen: No.

Some Hon. Senators: No.

The Hon. the Speaker: Will those honourable senators in favour of the motion to adjourn the debate please say “yea”?

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

The Hon. the Speaker: Those contrary will please say “nay”.

Some Hon. Senators: Nay.

The Hon. the Speaker: I must say that the “nays” have it.

Will honourable senators agree to dispense with the reading of the main motion again?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Senator Doody: It is not entirely a pleasure.

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: Those in favour of the motion please say “yea.”

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

The Hon. the Speaker: Those against the motion please say “nay.”

Some Hon. Senators: Nay.

[Senator Hicks.]

The Hon. the Speaker: The motion is carried.

Motion agreed to, on division.

THE CONSTITUTION

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT, 1987—NOTICE OF MOTION TO TRANSMIT COPY OF SENATE RESOLUTION TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND FOUR NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Hon. Charlie Watt: Honourable senators, I give notice that tomorrow, Wednesday, June 1, 1988, I will move:

That the Honourable the Speaker do transmit to the Legislative Assembly of each province a copy of the Resolution to amend the Constitution of Canada, adopted by the Senate on the 21st April, 1988, and urge that the provinces do likewise; and

That a copy of the said Resolution be transmitted by the Honourable the Speaker to the Legislative Assemblies of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and to the four National Organizations representing the aboriginal peoples of Canada.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION BILL, ATLANTIC CANADA, 1987

NOTICE OF MOTION TO INSTRUCT NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DIVIDE BILL C-103 INTO TWO BILLS

Hon. B. Alasdair Graham: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Wednesday next, June 1, 1988, I will move:

That it be an instruction of this House to the Standing Committee on National Finance that it divide Bill C-103, An Act to increase opportunity for economic development in Atlantic Canada, to establish the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts into two Bills, in order that it may deal separately with Part I, entitled the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and Part II entitled Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. Joan Neiman, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs have power to sit at 4 o'clock in the afternoon today, even though the Senate may then be sitting, and that rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.