

the Senate and the convenience of senators. At any time that the authority conferred by this motion is used, it is done with the consent of, in consultation with and under the direction of the Speaker of the Senate.

May I congratulate His Honour the Speaker that he has seen fit to call the Senate only at such times—I think with one exception—when all of us had work to do.

Motion agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 4 next, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** May I ask the honourable Leader of the Government if he will tell us why he chooses that particular day, and what prompted his decision?

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** One of the determining factors of the decision was a discussion which I had, and which I always welcome, with the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Brooks).

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** You told the Leader of the Opposition.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Speaking seriously, it is proposed that today the mover of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne and the seconder will address honourable senators. Normally, thereafter the debate is continued by speeches being delivered by the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Government, and then other honourable senators who wish to speak do so.

The other place will be debating the Speech from the Throne under their rules for a period of eight days, unless they shorten the debate by unanimous consent. When they have concluded it I understand their intention is to adjourn for Easter, probably until April 26, although I am making no announcement in that respect. This is what I understand is generally thought will happen.

The other house cannot possibly deal with any legislation until the Throne Speech is disposed of, and if it resumes on April 26 it is unlikely that it will provide us with any legislation with which to deal within that week. However, it is proposed that when we return we will immediately embark upon the debate in reply to the Speech from the Throne in this chamber; and at that time there will be a number of pieces of legislation which will

be introduced in the Senate with which we shall be able to deal at our own convenience.

I should say that during the month of May, and certainly for the first weeks of June, honourable senators can expect to have a busy program. The committees—particularly the committees of study like the Aging Committee which has just been set up, and the Finance Committee to which the estimates will be referred—will be having a rather active time upon the return of the Senate to normal sittings.

Perhaps that is all I need say at this time.

Motion agreed to.

#### DIVORCE

##### NOTICE OF MEETING

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are called may I draw attention to the fact that the Divorce Committee will meet immediately following the meeting of the Aging Committee. I merely wish to say to the members who are here—and there are few enough of them—that the matters to be considered are important but the time that will be taken will be short indeed.

I hope all members of the Divorce Committee will attend on this occasion.

[Translation]

#### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

##### MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session.

**Hon. Romuald Bourque** moved, seconded by Hon. John B. Aird:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada to offer the humble thanks of this house to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:

To His Excellency, General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Military Cross and the Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer