

The Budget—Mr. Benidickson

would perhaps not expect much flexibility from the well known pugnacious Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming). However, the flexibility is certainly to be found in the rapidity with which a financial statement can go from a surplus of \$12 million to a deficit of almost \$300 million in the course of six or seven months.

Perhaps you, Mr. Speaker, would like me to move the adjournment of the debate.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

20 December, 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 20th December, at 9:50 p.m. for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler
Secretary
to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act respecting loans to proprietors of small business enterprises for the improvement and modernization of equipment and premises.

An act respecting technical and vocational training assistance.

An act for the establishment of a national productivity council.

An act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1961.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Habel: Might we know from the leader of the house what is to be the business tomorrow?

Mr. Churchill: Tomorrow we shall continue the budget debate. The house will then recess at 6 p.m. for Christmas.

It being fifteen minutes after ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.