

**Senator Frith:** We most certainly accept that suggestion, honourable senators. I fully understand the point raised by Senator Asselin. But we have no choice in the matter since the sittings of the committee and those of the Senate overlap. If we could reorganize our sittings, that would be an excellent suggestion. We could consider it and discuss it with the opposition leader.

I intend to give notice that when the Senate adjourns today it stand adjourned until Tuesday evening. But we could always change that to Tuesday afternoon and begin with Senator Lamontagne's presentation or, with the consent of the Senate, we could hear him on Wednesday before Question Period, or else, as I said, we could meet at two o'clock on Tuesday. We could then hear his speech and move the adjournment of the debate, depending on what could and should be done. Therefore, we could perhaps adjourn to Tuesday afternoon, since the Committee on the Constitution normally sits—

**Senator Asselin:** On Tuesday morning.

**Senator Frith:** At 3.30 p.m., I think.

**Senator Asselin:** Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening.

**Senator Frith:** Tuesday morning is difficult for those who have to travel.

[*English*]

**Senator Asselin:** I am not talking about resuming the Senate on Tuesday morning. I am talking about the fact that almost ten senators won't be able to listen to what Senator Lamontagne is going to say about this very important report, and we are concerned about it. You could postpone the notice that you have just given to the house to the effect that we sit on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning at 11 if it is so important to discuss this report right now, or you could postpone discussion of this report until after we have finished the study of the report on the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution.

[*Translation*]

**Senator Frith:** As I have said before, that is always possible. For the time being, we will adjourn until Tuesday evening but, in the meantime, we can try to make some arrangement in line with the suggestion made by Senator Asselin. That is one suggestion—not so much for his sake, but to follow his suggestions.

At this time, that notice stands as the Order of the Day for next Tuesday. However, as we are masters of our own procedures, we can make other arrangements if we so wish.

**Senator Goldenberg:** Honourable senators, I only want to add one word to say that I agree with Senator Asselin. He is right.

**Senator Asselin:** I am very happy to see that Senator Goldenberg has been agreeing with me for some time now. This is the only time really because, in committee, as he knows, we do not always agree.

[*Senator Asselin.*]

**Senator Goldenberg:** This is not the first time.

● (1450)

## NORTHERN PIPELINE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government),** with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(a), moved:

That the Special Committee of the Senate on the Northern Pipeline have power to sit while the Senate is sitting today and that rule 76(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

He said: Honourable senators, by way of explanation, I must tell you that this meeting is scheduled for 3.30 this afternoon, I think.

Motion agreed to.

## BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, it is possible that we shall have the opportunity to discuss later on during this sitting the possibility of making arrangements so that honourable senators can go to the East Block to pay their respects to our former Governor General. I think that the visit by honourable senators and the members of the House of Commons is scheduled between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. this afternoon.

[*English*]

**Hon. Heath Macquarrie:** Honourable senators, I had but a brief opportunity to discuss this with the government house leader, but I feel very deeply about it. I personally do not have to express to anyone my views about the late former Governor General, and certainly not to his magnificent wife, whom I have had the honour of knowing for many years. I think, honourable senators and dear colleagues, we should this day, not only pay our respects to that wonderful man, but we should do it officially and properly; not merely do it while we are waiting for royal assent, or while we are doing nothing between this item and that item.

I trust Senator Hayden and his wonderful committee respecting their work on the Bank Act, because I know they know a thousand times more about that than I do, and I trust them on all other matters, but I think it is not enough for us to go over individually in our spare time to pay respects to that very distinguished man, our former Governor General, whose mortal remains are in the room next to my office in the East Block. I address myself to the Leader of the Government and the government house leader. I think we should today decide that the Senate will adjourn for that purpose.

One of the best things about the Senate, as distinct from the other place, where I spent a long time, as Senator Muir knows, is that we have far better and more reasonable rules. I think we should adjourn at some time today for the purpose of