

THE SENATE

Wednesday, July 2, 1952

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Honourable senators, I am afraid that there is nothing much that I can add to the statement I made when I reported to the Senate last evening. There is no legislation before us that we have not dealt with, and we are still awaiting the Appropriation Bill and the Redistribution Bill, which are to come to us from the other house. It appears that that house has not yet made much progress with the Redistribution Bill. In these circumstances the only suggestion that I can make to honourable senators is that the Senate should adjourn until tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, and I propose to move to that effect.

To honourable senators who have remained here under rather trying conditions for the purpose of forming a quorum, I want to express my sincere thanks.

Hon. Mr. Howard: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Perhaps I should add my thanks to the honourable gentleman from Wellington (Hon. Mr. Howard) for returning here after the considerable absence which he has enjoyed.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Honourable senators, I move that when the Senate adjourns it stand adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: If the situation is the same tomorrow night, would it be possible for this house to adjourn until, say, Thursday of next week, so that honourable senators who wish to do so may return to their homes and not be detained in Ottawa doing nothing? Should the members of the other house finish their business in the meanwhile, perhaps it would not be out of order for them to wait on us for a change.

Hon. Mr. Horner: Perhaps, in view of what is going on now in Quebec, the honourable gentleman from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt) should remain in Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: That is why I want to leave here.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: The only undertaking I can give to my honourable friends is that I shall canvass the situation as best I can, and that tomorrow evening, if there does not seem to be any chance of the other house finishing its business by the end of this week, the suggestion of our colleague from Kennebec will receive serious consideration.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 8 p.m.
