

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Could the honourable senator from Peterborough not move the adoption of the report after further information has been received?

Hon. Mrs. FALLIS: I will move adoption, if the honourable leader of this house thinks it proper for me to do so. I do not wish to usurp the rights of the chairman of the Senate section of the committee.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Should the other house concur in the report, we might take advantage of the wisdom and eloquence of the honourable senator from Peterborough, and ask that she move concurrence in the report on behalf of the chairman of the joint committee.

#### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, the business of the house is almost concluded, and we are now awaiting receipt of the Supply Bill from another place. Among the few items left on our Order paper is a motion in my name concerning the national capital. There is also an order for the second reading of the Bankruptcy Bill. It will be recalled that some time ago I stated that my primary purpose in introducing this bill was to make it available at once for distribution among interested parties, but that it would not be proceeded with this session. As to the resolutions concerning the agreements on tariffs and trade, the Prime Minister has announced that he is not asking parliament to approve them at the present session.

Recently I drew attention to the splendid services rendered during the session by the Standing Committees on Divorce and on Immigration and Labour. I should now like to pay a similar tribute to our other Standing Committees, not by specific references, but by recording a general appreciation of their devotion and their skilful and painstaking work. I think it is self-evident that departmental and other witnesses who appear before our committees show a healthy respect for the intelligent and keen questioning of committee members.

Comparisons would be invidious, but I should like to refer to the work done by the Standing Committees on Banking and Commerce, Private Bills, Canadian Trade Relations, Transport and Communications, and Natural Resources. Some of the other com-

mittees also have had excellent meetings. For instance, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, presided over by the honourable senator from Thunder Bay (Hon. Mr. Paterson) held an interesting discussion about the future plans for the development of the city of Ottawa.

I think I should refer to the outstanding accomplishment of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications while dealing with a very difficult railway bill. In acting as mediators between the two major railway companies of Canada—the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific—the committee members displayed their talents in a new light. By facilitating withdrawal of the legislation, they were able to effect a most happy solution. It seems to me that this fact deserves more than passing notice.

Honourable senators, I have just been advised by the Clerk that, the House of Commons, without any debate, concurred this morning in the report of the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs. When the Senate reassembles today, perhaps the honourable senator from Peterborough (Hon. Mrs. Fallis) will explain the details of the report and move concurrence in it.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: When presenting the report of the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs to this house on June 2, the honourable senator from Norfolk (Hon. Mr. Taylor) said:

I shall move concurrence in the report on Thursday next, when it will be in printed form.

Therefore, the report is awaiting a motion for concurrence.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 8 o'clock the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, I am advised that although reasonable progress has been made in another place there is no possibility of prorogation this evening. In the circumstances, I move that when the Senate adjourns today it stand adjourned until Monday next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, June 28, at 3 p.m.