

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Has the honourable Senator Roebuck a seconder for his motion?

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** No.

**Hon. Mr. Choquette:** There is no seconder.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Now.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** With leave of the Senate, it is moved by the honourable Senator Lang, seconded by the honourable Senator Baird, that this bill be now read the third time.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** I did not give my consent.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** In that case, there is not unanimous consent. It will have to be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting of the Senate.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** Honourable senators, I had hoped the motion for third reading might be put.

I wonder if I might say this to Senator Roebuck and, indeed, to all honourable senators. The expiry date of the measure that is to be dealt with by this extension occurs on December 31, at the end of this month. I have not been able to make an announcement, but I was going to make it very shortly, that the Senate would be adjourned subject to recall, of course,—but recall, as I see it, is unlikely—until Tuesday, March 2.

In that interval there may be developments on the west coast in respect to this matter. I can quite understand the position taken by Senator Roebuck. He has taken it before. I understand from the sponsor of the bill and from information supplied to me that this is an unusual situation. In the circumstances, I would appeal to the house, and in particular to Senator Roebuck, to allow the bill to be read the third time so that it can be given royal assent. I undertake, of course, to place the views of honourable senators who have spoken before the appropriate minister forthwith, and to impress upon him the importance of doing all that can be done to prevent the return of this measure to this house.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** On that undertaking I consent, but let it be clearly understood that I shall do everything in my power to stop that bill ever passing this house again.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed, on division.

## MERCHANT SEAMEN COMPENSATION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-131, to amend the Merchant Seamen Compensation Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. John J. Connolly** moved, with leave, that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

## ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that he had received the following communication:

Government House  
Ottawa

18th December 1964.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 18th December, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
A. G. Cherrier  
Assistant Secretary  
to the Governor General.

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. John J. Connolly:** Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 1965, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

I understand that in the other place it is proposed to adjourn to a date approximately two weeks earlier than that. However, they will have legislation to consider. We may have some matters that we could deal with, but it seemed to me to be more appropriate to adjourn a little longer. We have the facilities available to recall the Senate at an earlier date should this be necessary.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.