ABSTENTIONS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Nil

The Hon. the Speaker: I declare the motion in amendment negatived.

• (1810)

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, according to Rule 12, I must leave the Chair, to return at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Before Your Honour does so, I would again note—

Senator Barootes: Do you mind?

Senator Frith: Yes, I mind. If the eight senators-

Senator Simard: You can have all the moral victories! You had better get used to it.

Senator Frith: I can wait.

The Hon. the Speaker: Order, please.

Senator Frith: If the eight senators, whose qualifications are in doubt—in fact, we say they are unqualified—had not voted and if the Speaker had not voted, the result of the count would have been 51 in favour of the amendment, 46 against, and reading material would not be taxed.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear! The Senate adjourned until 8 p.m.

[Editor's Note: For continuation of proceedings see Issue No. 106B.]