

**THE HONOURABLE JACQUES FLYNN, P.C.**

## PROGRESS OF CONVALESCENCE

**Hon. Paul Lucier:** Honourable senators, I rise to ask a question about Senator Flynn. We are at the point of proroguing another session of Parliament and it just seems strange to me to see his chair vacant. I wonder when Senator Flynn will be back in this chamber. At times he is difficult to get along with, but, quite frankly, I miss him very much and I would like to see him back. Could anybody give a report on his condition?

**Hon. Duff Roblin (Acting Leader of the Opposition):** If honourable senators will allow me, I should like to thank Senator Lucier, in Senator Flynn's name, for his kind thoughts. I know that the honourable senator has expressed the feelings of all of us on both sides of the chamber with respect to my colleague, the Leader of the Opposition.

I spoke to Senator Flynn quite recently on the telephone, and he sounded pretty perky to me. His main problem is that his doctors are holding him down—he thinks—and are making him pay attention to the strictures of good medicine in an effort to try not to rush his convalescence. He finds that this irks him. When he has an opportunity to go out on a good day, no doubt he feels better, but he is certainly very much alive and kicking.

Honourable senators, I think that Senator Flynn will continue his convalescence for some months. He will probably not be back in the Senate chamber this year. It will likely be some time in the early part of next year that we will see him again. I do thank Senator Lucier for his kind consideration. I would like to tell him and all honourable senators that, to the best of my knowledge, Senator Flynn is making a steady and satisfactory recovery to good health.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**AGRICULTURE**

## NEW BRUNSWICK—LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY—ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

**Hon. Robert Muir:** Honourable senators, I rise on a question of privilege. I should like to extend an apology to the Leader of the Government in the Senate. Earlier this day I was mildly critical of his failing to respond to a number of questions that I had raised on November 17. It is quite true that he had not responded to some of them. I did say that he had replied to one question regarding the CBC, for which I was grateful.

Shortly after I had spoken, I received a note from Senator Frith, who kindly advised me that a response had been given to the question respecting the New Brunswick livestock industry. I did not see the response, and I apologize to the honourable

senator. The reason I was not aware that he had answered is that the reply was given on a day when Senator Frith had made arrangements for a committee to deal with Bill C-170. Our whip, in his usual, genial, kindly, benevolent and fatherly way, came to me and said "Bob, you get to that committee right away." That is why I was not present in the chamber when the reply was given. I am sorry if I caused any concern to the honourable Leader of the Government in the Senate.

**ROYAL ASSENT  
PROROGATION**

## NOTICE

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

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

November 30, 1983

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency The Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to-day, the 30th day of November, 1983, at 14.00 hours, to give Royal Assent to certain Bills and for the purpose of proroguing the First Session of the Thirty-Second Parliament.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière  
Administrative Secretary to the  
Governor General

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate  
Ottawa

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 2 p.m. the sitting was resumed.  
The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

**ROYAL ASSENT**

At 2 o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being come, with their