

adjournment were for a longer period than until next Tuesday, and should the wheat bills be ready to be sent to us before the date set for our resumption, His Honour the Speaker could call us together, under the authority given to him at the beginning of the session. I do not know whether that would meet with the views of the honourable senator from Winnipeg South-Centre.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: We have to meet next week to pass supplementary supply, not only for current account, but also for the war estimates. Both these items must be passed by us and assented to before the 27th.

Hon. Mr. KING: I think my honourable friend is quite right. It was suggested that we might adjourn until to-morrow afternoon. But we have nothing on our Order Paper and there is no reason why we should meet to-morrow just to adjourn again. My honourable friend from Winnipeg South-Centre (Hon. Mr. Haig) suggests we may not have these agricultural bills over here before the 27th. He may know more than I, and more than the Government. It depends on the attitude of the House of Commons when they will come to us.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: The Opposition in that House.

Hon. Mr. KING: Yes. But I do know this, that there are certain financial measures which should be passed next week, before the Easter vacation. It is at least hoped that they will be ready for us some time next week, and that is why I am suggesting that when the House adjourns to-night it stand adjourned until next Tuesday night.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I am perfectly agreeable to that.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 24, 1942.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE BILL FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 14, an Act to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939.

The Bill was read the first time.

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The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a second time?

Hon. Mr. KING: With leave of the Senate, at the next sitting.

WAR APPROPRIATION (UNITED KINGDOM FINANCING) BILL FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 15, an Act for granting to His Majesty aid for the purpose of financing United Kingdom war requirements in Canada and for national defence and security.

The Bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read a second time?

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable members, as this measure is different from the usual financial bills that come to us from the other House, may I suggest that the resolution which preceded it, and which was moved by the honourable Minister of Finance on the 18th instant, be incorporated in our Hansard.

I would suggest also that we proceed with second reading of this measure to-morrow, so that honourable senators may then have an opportunity to express their views upon it.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, I do not think any objection can be taken to the resolution presented in another place being included in the report of our debates, especially in view of the fact that it contains much informative detail. In regard to second reading of this Bill, I understand that with the consent of the Senate it can be taken to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. KING: Yes, to-morrow.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of honourable senators to adopt the suggestion just made?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Carried.

The following is the resolution referred to:

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide:—

1. That sums not exceeding one thousand million dollars (\$1,000,000,000) be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the expenditures that may be incurred during the present war for the purpose of enabling the Government of the United Kingdom to purchase in Canada aircraft, tanks, mechanical transport vehicles, guns, ammunition and other munitions of war, food-stuffs, raw materials and any other commodities and supplies essential to the conduct of the war and the maintenance of the people of the United Kingdom, and to assist in