

rise tonight the Senate will stand adjourned until September 7. I do not know whether or not that is correct.

Hon. Mr. Brunt: September 14.

Hon. Mr. Fournier: Honourable senators, may I say that I was in the gallery in the House of Commons when the Prime Minister moved adjournment of that house until September 7.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): It does not make much difference to me whether it is September 7 or 14; but I notice that this bill is for three months' supply.

Honourable senators will recall that during the first part of June we passed an interim supply bill for two months, which would look after the financial needs of the Government until the end of July. We are now asked to grant three months' supply. I do not understand why that is necessary if we are coming back on September 7. It seems to me two months' supply would be sufficient. Probably the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) will tell us why supply for three months is being asked for.

Hon. Mr. Monette: May I interject? I was in the gallery of the House of Commons at the time the adjournment announcement was made and I corroborate what the honourable senator from De Lanaudiere (Hon. Mr. Fournier) has said. It was that should the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons decide that that house should resume at a later date than September 7, the motion to adjourn would apply to the later date.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That is the explanation, honourable senators. It might be that quite a bit of the money will be spent in October, and thus supply for that month would be needed before we could get around to passing a further supply bill.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (Brantford): That explanation is satisfactory to me. I was under the impression we were adjourning to a certain date in September. If power is given to the Speaker of the House of Commons to set a later date for recalling that house, no doubt similar power will be given to the Speaker of this chamber.

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I do not propose to detain the house for more than a few minutes. I am constrained to remark, however, that an appropriation bill of over \$1 billion is before us, and despite all the reservations we have about further consideration when the final supply bill comes before us I think we must give this bill the attention a measure of its character deserves. I know that if we

did so literally we would be here for a long time.

I appreciate that honourable senators who have dealt with the budgets of great cities may not regard as unusual a bill which calls for an appropriation of over \$1 billion. Perhaps the honourable senator from De Lanaudiere (Hon. Mr. Fournier) is so accustomed to dealing with very large figures in the metropolitan city of which he was mayor that he is not staggered by this bill. However, many of us are.

Vote No. 228 appropriates an amount of \$1.5 million to be spent on the Polar Continental Shelf project. Has the Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) any information concerning that item?

I would like to mention, as I have done on a number of occasions, the provision for the national parks and historic sites and monuments. Vote No. 284 provides for an expenditure of \$8,248,914. I do not want any explanation of that item, but in view of the approaching centenary of Confederation I would again express the hope that very definite consideration will be given to the restoration of the only building that remains in Canada which was used by some, if not all, of the Fathers of Confederation for some of the conferences which led to that great event. I refer to the Province House at Charlottetown. This is a beautiful building. It still retains the atmosphere of that time. I hope that a definite project will be undertaken to restore it, not only to make it fire-proof, but also to keep it in a condition as near as possible to that in which it was at the time the Confederation meetings took place there.

Honourable senators who have visited Williamsburg, Virginia, know what a magnificent project of restoration has been carried out there on some of the colonial buildings. There is one building which is said to be the only one in the United States over which the Union Jack continues to fly. That is the House of Burgesses. We have a similar opportunity to restore Canada's historic Province House at Charlottetown. I would like to see a great many of the old papers and documents that are now there kept on exhibit, but I would also like to see everything possible done to preserve them for all time so that future Canadians will be able to go there and appreciate the atmosphere in which the Fathers of Confederation met.

May I also ask the honourable leader about the 1961 decennial census? In Vote 400 there is provision for \$13 million for the taking of that census. Can he give us any information about that item?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: The honourable senator from Ottawa West (Hon. Mr. Connolly) has