

to find useful employment and his suggestion that committees be appointed to go into session and make inquiries into matters that are before parliament. But I wonder why at this, our first meeting, we should be asked to rescind an important rule; why should not the normal two days' notice of proposed amendments of the rules of the Senate be given?

I am going to leave that thought with honourable senators and ask permission to move the adjournment of the debate.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Perhaps I may make an explanation. My honourable friend from Kootenay East (Hon. Mr. King) knows that from the opening of this session I have had in mind the question of what to do about the sittings of the Senate. I have no legislation to place before honourable senators, and it is probable that a short time will elapse before any business will come to this house. I consulted a cross-section of honourable senators at a caucus of available members, including my honourable friend, at which we discussed the best procedure to follow. I had thought we would carry on until Friday with the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech

from the Throne, and then I intended to move an adjournment for perhaps two weeks. It was my desire to implement my motion by Friday so that those members who will be here during the adjournment, and who are able to form a quorum, could function. In view of what my honourable friend has said, however, I shall not be able to make my motion until Thursday.

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** The honourable senator from Kootenay East is only moving the adjournment of the debate until tomorrow.\*

**Hon. Mr. King:** Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Oh, I misunderstood.

**Hon. Mr. King:** I think we should be careful not to rescind too hastily a rule which governs the procedure of the Senate. I move the adjournment of the debate until tomorrow so that we may consider this question at that time. I think that is a proper motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.

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