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why I am suggesting that we hold ourselves in readiness to resume at the call of the bell.

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At 3 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General acquainting him that the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber today, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 46, an Act to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I move that this bill be placed on the Order Paper for consideration later this day.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION) BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 15, an Act to provide for privileges and immunities in respect of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I move that this bill be placed on the Order Paper to be considered later this day.

The motion was agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 26, an Act to amend the Public Works Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I move that this bill be placed on the Order Paper for consideration later this day.

The motion was agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, discussion in the other house so far today has been on the resolution to approve the admission of Greece and Turkey into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. I am advised that within a few minutes that debate will be adjourned—if, indeed, that has not already been done—to facilitate the passing of two or three small bills which either were noncontentious in their original form or are being made so by some amendments. The object is to have these bills sent over to us as soon as possible, perhaps by 4 o'clock. As soon as the measures are received here our bell will be rung, and therefore I would ask honourable senators to remain in the immediate precincts of the building. I move that in the meantime we adjourn during pleasure to reassemble at the call of the bell.

Hon. Mr. Marcotte: I am not sure that I heard the leader clearly. May I ask if the bills that are to come to us will be contentious?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Anything that is contentious will not be sent over. I understand that one of the measures is a bill to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, and that the leaders in the other place have agreed upon it.

There is a Public Works bill, but if it is sent over it will have been amended so as to be noncontentious. I understand that the bill to amend the Annuities Act is not coming to us, and that the one providing for privileges and immunities in respect of NATO will not be forthcoming if there is serious opposition to it. So in answer to my honourable friend I can say that whatever measures we receive will be noncontentious. Nevertheless, we shall have to deal with them, and that is