

Honourable senators, these facts are driven home by both judges. Both judgments inform us that the Children's Aid Society, having realized, in the society's words, that "they had backed the wrong horse," and having declared that these girls were not in need of protection, still persisted in their accusations and in litigation, for purposes unrelated to the protection of the best interests of the children, but related to their own institutional, corporate self-interests. Mr. Justice Somers described the Society's position in this regard as "utterly unconscionable."

The perceptiveness, mental prowess and integrity of these two judges, who finally provided some measure of justice for these two little girls and their father, was impressive. Honourable senators, there are some splendid judges in this country. This current situation is an enormous strain for them, as it is for the independence of judges and for the convention of the independence of the judiciary.

I urge that honourable senators examine this disorder, this malignancy, this pathology that has grown in our midst in the legal system. I urge honourable senators to look closely at the case of Reverend B., which is typical of many, Mr. Justice Blair's Review Report, family law proceedings, trends in family law, malice and perjury as delivered in the system, and the current crises in the civil justice system.

Thank you, honourable senators, for your attention and for your patience. I would just close by saying that the report to which I speak is obviously a report of enormous size and content. I urge honourable senators to examine it.

On motion of Senator Berntson, debate adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. B. Alasdair Graham (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, before moving the adjournment motion, mindful that we will have Royal Assent shortly, I would like to express the hope that those committees which have legislation and important issues before them will sit when possible and appropriate during the summer break to hear the witnesses who have asked to be heard or whose testimony is necessary on concerns that have been raised by honourable senators, either in this chamber or in committees.

I am sure that honourable senators recognize that during any adjournment of the Senate, if the Speaker is satisfied, under rule 17(1), that the public interest requires that the Senate meet at an earlier time than that provided in the motion for such adjournment, the Speaker may call such a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. B. Alasdair Graham (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, and notwithstanding rule 58(1)(h), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, September 26, 1995 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

● (1230)

[Translation]

ROYAL ASSENT

The Honourable Peter deC. Cory, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Deputy Speaker, the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said:

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to be issued under his Sign Manual and Signet constituting the Honourable Peter deC. Cory, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, his Deputy, to do in His Excellency's name all acts on his part necessary to be done during His Excellency's pleasure.

The Commission was read by a Clerk at the Table.

The Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sentencing) and other Acts in consequence thereof (*Bill C-41, Chapter No. 22, 1995*)

An Act to amend the Canadian Dairy Commission Act (*Bill C-86, Chapter No. 23, 1995*)

An Act to provide for the continuance of the Canadian National Railway Company under the Canada Business Corporations Act and for the issuance and sale of shares of the Company to the public (*Bill C-89, Chapter No. 24, 1995*)

An Act to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (*Bill C-87, Chapter No. 25, 1995*)

An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint Act (*Bill C-82, Chapter No. 26, 1995*)

An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Young Offenders Act (forensic DNA analysis) (*Bill C-104, Chapter No. 27, 1994*)