

reaching that stage when a lapse of memory is a very common occurrence. I find I am that way myself.

I also agree with his approach to the appeal matter. I listened to my colleagues Senator Walker and Senator Choquette yesterday, and I wish to commend the Chairman of the Divorce Committee for his quick action in adopting their suggestions which were so well made yesterday afternoon.

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Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, I have been in the other place to see what progress has been made. They sat quite late last night, and resumed again this morning at 10 o'clock. There is little prospect of getting this bill before 2.30 this afternoon at the very earliest. I therefore suggest that it would be appropriate to rise until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The members of this chamber who have sat in the House of Commons know the old adage that if you begin a week, you finish the week. Very often, if you begin a bill on a day, you finish it on the day. I am hopeful that we will have this bill by 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Farris: Would you tell us what is going on in the Commons at the moment?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): They are dealing with the bill clause by clause in Committee of the Whole. I am not able to say at what stage they have arrived at the moment.

Hon. Mr. Croll: Clause 6.

Hon. Mr. McCutcheon: I take it we will have copies of all the amendments—that we will have a bill we will understand?

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I am just coming to that, senator. If there are amendments made in committee, we may not have a reprint of the bill. If time permits, I shall try to arrange for it; if time does not permit a reprint of the bill, then I shall endeavour to have a memorandum containing the amended sections. It will be duplicated in some way. In other words, there will be a fair copy of the section as amended and passed.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: We could have typewritten copies at least.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): It may be in that form.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: There will be copies in some form.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes.

Honourable Senators, I would suggest that the Senate recess at this time to reassemble at the call of the bell at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 3 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Honourable senators, the progress in the other place on the bill we are expecting has been snail-like. I understand that clause 7 of this bill of 11 clauses has passed, but clause 6 stands until after clause 10 is dealt with. If it meets with the convenience of the Senate I suggest that we rise now until approximately 5.30, at which time we may receive the bill. If we do not, then we shall have to adjourn again.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I take it that if we receive the bill at 5.30 it would mean our sitting right through till we dispose of it.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: We must do that.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I was wondering if it would be better to meet after 6 o'clock. Like the honourable Leader of the Government, I have no idea when the other place will complete its deliberations, but an hour is not going to make much difference either way. I suggest we adjourn until 6.30 or 7 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): It was my view that it would be better to assess the situation at 5.30. I am in the hands of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: May I suggest that we stand ready to be called so soon as the bill is received? There will then be no delay whatsoever. We are all present in the building, and when the bell rings we are ready to respond.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I agree with that.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): That is substantially what I had in mind, although at 5.30 I would at least be reporting to the Senate on what is the situation. I suggest that we rise until the call of the bell which need not necessarily be at exactly 5.30. If the bill passes the other place before 5.30 then I shall