

Senator Frith: Honourable senators, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock we will give third reading to the bills that received second reading today. Information I have received from the other place indicates that we will have received Bill C-43, respecting the Canada-Nova Scotia Agreement on Offshore Oil and Gas Resource Management and Revenue Sharing. Because of extended hours this evening in the other place, we may also receive Bill C-30, to amend the Bank Act and Bill C-36, to amend the Interest Act. As I have mentioned, the amendments to the Bank Act simply deal with increasing the space for foreign banks, and those to the Interest Act form what is essentially a companion piece to Bill C-37, which dealt with mortgage protection. As I mentioned earlier today, there is the possibility that we will receive Bill C-24, to amend the Financial Administration Act.

We may receive several non-controversial bills. On the list I have been given are: Bill C-38, the Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Bill; Bill C-51, to implement a convention between Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding reciprocal enforcement of judgments; a bill dealing with miscellaneous statutes for which I do not yet have a number; Bill C-50, to amend the Agricultural Stabilization Act, and another bill that does not yet have a number which deals with some amendments to the Saltfish Marketing Act. That list has been given to me as representing legislation we could receive, but there may be some shifting in it.

The plan would be to proceed with that legislation requiring third reading, after which we will deal with non-controversial legislation. The House of Commons will adjourn to wait for us to dispose of any legislation we are able to dispose of, after which it will join us for Royal Assent.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): When will the house adjourn?

Senator Frith: It will adjourn when it has finished with the legislation it will pass.

Senator Roblin: There is no time set for the adjournment?

Senator Frith: No.

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): We have not heard anything about Bill C-252, which is a private bill that has just been passed by the House of Commons.

Senator Frith: I thank the honourable senator for that reminder. Bill C-252, to grant access to records of the Special Committee on the Defence of Canada Regulations, has been sponsored by Mr. John Reid and Mr. Blaine Thacker. For the benefit of honourable senators, I will read from the explanatory note:

During the Second World War a Special Committee on the Defence of Canada Regulations sat *in camera* and limited the distribution of its minutes and evidence to its members. The purpose of this Bill is to authorize the release of all the records of that Committee which are still classified.

I believe that the inspiration for the bill came about because of a wish to do some research on the whole question of civil liberties during wartime. The researchers found what I suppose is a bit of a treasure trove of material in the Minutes of that committee, and then found that there was no way in which the material could be released. That is the purpose for this bill.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.