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The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator Kinsella, report placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, there are two pieces of legislation we would like to dispose of before we adjourn until after the referendum. One is Bill C-55, which is presently before the National Finance Committee, which is meeting this afternoon and tomorrow evening, I believe. I do not think its report will be ready until the early part of next week. The other is Bill C-80, which is being given third reading in the House of Commons this evening and which we would like to send to committee before we adjourn.

Based on those priorities, I suggest we adjourn until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon and then come back next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. I hope that by the end of Tuesday next we will have disposed of that essential business.

Therefore, I move, with leave of the Senate and not withstanding Rule 59(1)(h), That, when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, 17th September, 1992, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, in view of the circumstances, the schedule indicated by the Deputy Leader of the Government is probably the best we can do. I had hoped that the report of the committee studying Bill C-55 would be ready for Friday and that we might be able to dispose of our business on that day, and I was prepared to grant leave under the circumstances, inasmuch as a number of us will be away for a funeral tomorrow. However, if we cannot have the committee report, there is no point in agreeing to sit on Friday.

The Deputy Leader said that he thought we could dispose of this matter in one day, namely Tuesday. I should hope that he is not taking that as guaranteed, because I cannot give that kind of guarantee. It will depend in part on when we receive the report on Bill C-55. I hope we will have it before we arrive at 2 o'clock on Tuesday so we can at least go over it in order to prepare for the debate that might ensue on it. There is also likely to be some debate on Bill C-78, which is another major bill. Therefore, I would not want to guarantee that we will complete everything in one day.

Motion agreed to.

● (1410)

AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO STUDY FARM SAFETY AND FARM RELATED HEALTH ISSUES

Hon. Efstathios William Barootes: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Tuesday next, September 22, 1992, I will move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry be authorized to undertake the special study on farm safety and farm related health issues.

ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE

Hon. Dan Hays, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 59(1)(f), moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources be empowered to permit coverage by the electronic media of its public proceedings on its emissions of gas study with the least possible disruption of its hearings.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Senator Hays: Honourable senators, the Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources met at noon today to consider steps to be taken in completing its study on the economic instruments issue with respect to maintaining greenhouse gas emissions below threshold amounts. The committee proposes to proceed as planned with its work in October. One of the pieces of its work will involve a round-table discussion with stakeholders and senators.

After some deliberation, the committee decided that it might be useful to have that proceeding recorded, in the event that either the community cable channels or the parliamentary channel are interested in televising it.

In order that we might be able to do so, if those arrangements can be made, we are now coming to the Senate today to ask for a motion to that effect. I am speaking to it without having given the appropriate notice because it will be impossible for me to be here tomorrow or next week.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Hon. Jacques Hébert: Honourable senators, I have the honour to present petitions signed by 540 citizens of the province of Nova Scotia who oppose the goods and services tax.

These petitions are mainly from Sydney, Sydney Mines, Medicine Hat, Glace Bay, Louisbourg, Inverness,