

**Hon. Jean-François Pouliot:** Honourable senators, I wish to thank the honourable Leader of the Government in the Senate for having been so diligent in order to accomplish this reform, which will be helpful to all those who are interested in the law.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the notice of motion for adjournment:

**Hon. John J. Connolly:** Honourable senators, we now reach the point where we indulge in guessing. I am sorry that at the moment Senator McCutcheon is not in the chamber, because yesterday, by a development of circumstances more than anything else, I joined the category of honest prophets and I am afraid that, in the result, he became a second guesser. However, as I say, that was simply because circumstances conspired, and I think very fortunately, to have a piece of legislation before us for consideration when we assembled last night under our previous arrangements.

The present program in the other house is very full. Today they will deal with a bill or a proposed bill in respect of the agricultural industry, and there is a second such bill on the Order Paper for consideration. The arrangement is that on Thursdays and Fridays—for this week at least, and indeed perhaps for several weeks—the estimates of the departments will be studied. As honourable senators know, this is a very important and time-consuming part of the work which must be done in the House of Commons.

I understand further that a supply motion will be taken next Monday. As honourable senators know, a supply motion involves a two-day debate. I am informed that there may be another supply motion taken in the other place a week from Monday. It would appear, therefore, that the days available for the discussion of new legislation between now and the end of the month are somewhat limited. I think no one can give assurance that there will be further legislation for the Senate to consider before the end of the present month.

In these circumstances, and in view of the fact that Her Majesty is expected to be in Ottawa on Monday, October 12, it seems to me that it would be provident for the Senate to adjourn today until Tuesday, October 13, at 8 o'clock in the evening. This adjournment will, of course, be subject to the application of the rule for the recall of the Senate in the event that business is available for us to transact. I assure all honourable senators that when that time comes, if it does come before the date set for our return, I will consult with His Honour the Speaker, and we will do our very best to meet

the convenience of senators, consistent with the requirements of the work to be done.

Honourable senators, I therefore move, with leave of the Senate, that when this house adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

**Hon. A. J. Brooks:** Honourable senators, I wish to commend the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Connolly) on his good judgment in recommending this adjournment, based on the information he has received and has given to us.

I cannot help saying that it is indeed a frustrating experience, as well for the honourable leader as for all honourable senators, to come to Ottawa for such short periods and find there is no work on hand for our attention. That does not mean there is no work to be done—in fact there is a great deal of work to be done.

In the Commons *Hansard* of September 14 last, at page 7943, the Prime Minister outlined the work which he considered very important and would require the attention of Parliament. First, he mentioned the farm legislation. In that connection, we were pleased that one bill was ready for us yesterday, to which I would say we were able to give attention in a highly satisfactory manner.

Secondly, the Prime Minister mentioned redistribution legislation. That is certainly a most important matter as far as Parliament and the country is concerned. It is now at least three years overdue, and should certainly receive the attention of Parliament as soon as possible.

Again, the Prime Minister mentioned that legislation would be introduced based on the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation, which I understand to be the MacPherson Report. This is most important legislation, and is one of the major subjects that Parliament and the Government has to deal with.

**Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West):** That bill has received first reading.

**Hon. Mr. Brooks:** That is interesting to know; it is fortunate that the measure has gone that far.

People in all parts of the country are greatly interested in the MacPherson Report. I do not think there is general agreement on the report, but there are certain parts of it which should be implemented, and some other parts which probably will not. However, the report should receive a most careful study.

The Prime Minister also mentioned the Canada Pension Plan. Of course that plan