

efits to veterans living outside the country. In support of that request, I pointed out to him—and indeed he was aware of it more than I—that Great Britain after World War II had amended her veterans' legislation to cover Southern Ireland veterans who had fought with the English army during the war, to the extent of amending the law concerning the re-establishment of veterans on the land so that it would apply to them. I fail to see why Canada would not do as much and not follow that outstanding example given to us by England after the 1939-45 armed conflict.

I therefore strongly and warmly endorse the words of my colleague. I know that all my colleagues in this House are in full agreement with what has been said this afternoon, that next November 11 we will have to recall this remembrance prayer for our veterans:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

● (1440)

[English]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY—TERMINATION OF DEBATE ON EIGHTH SITTING DAY

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(i), I move:

That the proceedings on the Order of the Day for resuming the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to Her Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne addressed to both Houses of Parliament be concluded on the eighth sitting day on which the Order is debated.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding Rule 45(1)(g), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 1984, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Maurice Riel: Why are we sitting in the afternoon instead of the evening?

Senator Doody: The afternoon is a more reasonable time at which to sit. It seems to me that eight o'clock in the evening is a strange time to be starting the day's work. However, if the workload is such as to cause us to sit during the evening we shall be happy to do so. If the Senate agrees, we think it would be more appropriate to sit on Tuesday afternoon rather than on Tuesday evening. We shall see what develops.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE SENATE

STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, it is not our intention to ask any questions today. This will not be the characteristic rule every day, but today we are eager to move to the Orders of the Day to hear Senator Macquarrie. I want to know whether he is still in good form.

PRAYER AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTINGS

Hon. Rhéal Bélisle: Honourable senators, before asking my question I would like to express my discontent.

Hon. D. G. Stuart: Remember, you're on their side now.

Senator Bélisle: I know. However, I am concerned about the form of the new prayer. I would like to know, from either the Leader of the Government, or, perhaps, His Honour the Speaker, who is responsible for dropping the Lord's Prayer. I do not think the Senate should become complacent because there is a majority in the other house. Rather than dropping the Lord's Prayer, I think, because we on this side are in the minority, we should say it twice.

Hon. Duff Roblin (Leader of the Government): I think my honourable friend is expecting me to reply to his question, which I am happy to do. If he thinks that we need to be prayed over twice, I must agree that it is a splendid idea. The fact is that I only heard the new prayer uttered for the first time yesterday, so it must have been arranged by the previous incumbents in office. However, I shall try to get to the bottom of the matter and find out the history and origin of this change. I must confess that I am ignorant about it at the present time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of Her Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session.