

## THE SENATE

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Thursday, December 20, 1951

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

On the Orders of the Day:

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I do not know when we may expect to receive any legislation from the other house. I have no information that—to use a phrase from one of our rules—is “not held in common with the rest of the Canadian subjects of the Crown”. So far as I am aware, the only person who has any knowledge at all of what may happen in the House of Commons is my honourable friend the leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig), and he has not let me into his confidence on the matter. All I can do now is to suggest that the Senate adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell, at 4 o'clock. In the meantime I shall gather as much information as I can, and perhaps those who are in a better position than I am to ascertain what is likely to be done in the other house may enlighten us when we resume.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** Honourable senators, and the leader of the government has suggested that I have some inside information. I wish I had, for I would be quite willing to tell what it was. Unfortunately I have none at

all. The only thing I know is that I personally intend to take a train for Winnipeg tonight. Christmas comes but once a year, and I am going home to spend it with my wife, my children and my grandchildren.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Gouin:** Best wishes.

**Hon. Mr. Haig:** I do not intend to return to Ottawa in December at all, but if the Senate meets in January I shall be here.

**Hon. Mr. Paterson:** Why not move that this house adjourn till the 3rd of January?

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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At 4.15 the sitting was resumed.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I have no more information now than I had this morning as to when the legislation before the other place will be completed; but I am in a position to say that tomorrow there will be a Royal Assent to at least those bills which have already been passed by both houses. The Royal Assent will be given as early as possible, and under these circumstances I move that when this house adjourns today it do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

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