

Opposition, regardless of which party sat on that side, have risen to say, "We are asked to put through a bill involving billions of dollars in the dying moments of the session without time for adequate consideration."

I recall hearing this kind of speech made when I was a student at university, when Senator Choquette and I used to come here at times to listen to the debates. Such speeches were still being made when I came here as a senator many years later.

So, to hear what Senator Asestine said this afternoon warms me deeply indeed. The credit for this goes to the co-operation and willingness of the Senate to deal with these financial matters in a responsible way, through the work done by the Finance Committee with its very able chairman and informed members. So it is that much of the stigma that has been attached to the Senate in respect of appropriation bills has, as a result of the work of this committee, ceased to be a matter of public comment.

This is a great step forward and it is particularly gratifying to have an experienced person, a former leader of the Senate, like Senator Asestine, make the kind of remarks he does. I am delighted.

May I at this stage congratulate the new Deputy Leader of the Senate (Honourable Mr. Deschatelets) on his orderly and masterly presentation of this bill. Believe me, I am going to be very reluctant in the future to take another appropriation bill myself after what I have heard this afternoon.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker: When shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Deschatelets: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. John J. Connolly: There is no further business before the house at the moment, but I understand that we may receive the housing bill from the other place before the end of the day. It is also the intention to have Royal Assent tonight before the normal adjournment of the house. I would therefore suggest that

we recess now, to reassemble at the call of the bell at approximately eight o'clock.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 9.35 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

ROYAL ASSENT

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

17th November 1966.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, 17th November, at 9.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Cherrier

Assistant Secretary

to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate

Ottawa.

DOCUMENT TABLED

Leave having been given to revert to Presentation of Petitions:

Hon. John J. Connolly tabled:

Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1967. (English and French texts).

THE ESTIMATES

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (C) REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Leave having been given to revert to Notices of Motions: