The present political situation, both at the federal and provincial levels, leaves us unfortunately no hope that the situation will improve substantially in the short run. It is mainly for that reason that I dared to propose an alternative so that we may reach in the very near future some of the objectives of the Senate reform. I submit it to your kind consideration and to the kind consideration of the Canadian government.

On motion of Senator Lapointe, debate adjourned.

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Langlois: Honourable senators, before the motion to adjourn is put, I should like to mention that Senator Hayden has asked me to inform the chamber that while the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce will sit tomorrow morning at 9.30 a.m. as scheduled, the minister will be unable to be present. For that reason the witnesses from Ontario will be heard at that time, and the taxation legislation will come before the committee in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 21, 1973, at 2 p.m.