

ties. When that happens there can be a general debate, and senators on both sides of the house will make the final decision on the use to be made of this chamber.

Hon. Mr. Forsey: All this I perfectly understand. I apologize to the deputy Leader of the Government for interrupting him. I understood him to make a suggestion about the Internal Economy Committee, but unless my ears have completely handed in their portfolio I did not hear a motion. I heard a suggestion from my distinguished colleague to my right, Senator Belisle, but again he merely said he was prepared to make a motion if necessary. I stand subject to correction, but I heard no motion. Are we going to have consideration by some committee which will then report back to this chamber, or are we to be left hanging in mid-air, between earth and heaven, like Mohammed's coffin?

Hon. Mr. Belisle: I would move that the Senate name a special *ad hoc* committee of senators to look into this request.

The Hon. the Speaker: There is a motion before the house to adjourn until October 4, and I do not think we have disposed of it.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion to adjourn until Monday, October 4, 1971, at 8 o'clock in the evening?

Motion agreed to.

THE SENATE

USE OF CHAMBER BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS— APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE—NOTICE OF MOTION

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I understand we now have a motion by the honourable Senator Belisle.

Hon. Mr. Desruisseaux: I second the motion of the honourable Senator Belisle, but I believe that I should say that on Tuesday last there was a discussion about this when it was emphasized that the Senate should retain its prerogative in all cases of decisions for the use of this chamber because of the accepted tradition that the senators' desks are for their use at all times. I maintain that the matter should not go to any standing committee; that if any suggestions are to be made for the use of this chamber, when it is feasible, we should be seized of the matter and take the decision here, which I am sure will be favourable in nearly all cases.

Mention was made of international groups using this chamber. I have some reservations about international groups, of which there are all kinds. Some are not liked by certain minorities who form a part of Canada. It should be—

The Hon. the Speaker: Would the honourable Senator Desruisseaux allow me to put the motion made by the honourable Senator Belisle. It is a debatable motion, and debate should take place on it.

Hon. Mr. Belisle: May I read my motion?

Hon. Mr. Flynn: With all due respect to my friend Senator Belisle, I hope he will not mind if I raise a point of order. Putting the motion at this time requires unanimous consent. I think the problem is important enough to wait until we return, to find out what has been the experience in the use of this chamber by both the French-speaking parliamentarians and NATO. We can then decide what to do, whether to send this matter to a special committee, to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, or debate it in this house. I think we should wait until we come back before dealing with this problem. I believe this is the proper way to settle the question.

Hon. Mr. Belisle: Am I right that when we return I can move my motion?

Hon. Mr. Flynn: You can give notice now.

Hon. Mr. Belisle: Then I give notice that I will move that the Senate choose a committee of five members to look into external requests for the use of this chamber.

The Hon. the Speaker: The honourable Senator Belisle is now giving notice?

Hon. Mr. Belisle: Yes.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PACIFIC AREA STUDY—PROGRESS REPORT OF COMMITTEE —DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the inquiry of Hon. Mr. Aird calling the attention of the Senate to the recent activities of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs with regard to the Pacific area.

Hon. William C. McNamara: Honourable senators, I would like to take the opportunity to participate in this discussion, but to be able to do so I will have to request you, Mr. Speaker and honourable senators, to allow me to remain seated while making my presentation.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. McNamara: Thank you very much for this courtesy.

Honourable senators, although I had not intended to participate in the discussion covering this Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs interim report on our relations with the Pacific rim countries, I have decided to do so because of recent developments confronting international trade, which I believe have made the work of this committee even more important than it was before.

Serious developments insofar as international trade is concerned have emphasized the problem of Canada's trade and, in my opinion, created an even greater necessity for us to not only expand but also to diversify trade and to look to and endeavour to enlarge our markets. Notwithstanding market potentials in South America, Africa, regular commercial markets and markets in developing