

Surely we should not be passing the buck back and forth; surely we can come to an agreement that organizational meetings should be held. Someone has to take the lead. Perhaps His Honour would care to respond, or am I asking the wrong person?

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have had a few years in parliamentary life. Of all the things I have learned, hurrying things along is usually done by the two sides of a house much more than by the Speaker. I do not think I will venture into that terrain unless and until I am requested to do so in a formal way.

I understand the honourable senator's impatience. He has stated his case. I believe I discerned a certain murmur of understanding from both sides that perhaps we could move to proceed. I hope that this way of operating will give good results.

If there is no further intervention, it is time to deal with the motion.

It has been moved by the Honourable Senator Hébert, seconded by the Honourable Senator Hastings that, with leave of the Senate, the report be adopted now. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Senator Prud'homme: On division.

Motion agreed to and report adopted, on division.

CLERK'S ACCOUNTS

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Hébert, that the Clerk's accounts be referred to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 59(1)(h), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 1994, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Molgat: Honourable senators, yesterday I gave advance notice on this matter. I know of nothing at the moment that is happening in the other place that would cause a change in our plans. As usual, of course, the motion should be passed on

the understanding that, if required, we are subject to recall. At the moment, however, I do not see that likelihood.

In answer to Senator Marshall, the committees are now constituted, with the exception of the Internal Economy committee, which is continuing. When the committees so decide, they may proceed. Nothing now impedes their progress. There has been no delay in that regard, and they can meet whenever they wish.

Senator Marshall: That is all well and fine, but who will initiate —

Senator Doody: The chairman of the committee can get after the clerk.

Senator Molgat: The clerk normally initiates the organizational meeting, but obviously the clerk will have to consult with the members of the committee to ensure that they will be able to attend. I presume that, having heard the discussion today, the clerk will proceed to make that canvass of committee members.

Motion agreed to.

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COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

BILATERAL VISIT TO BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND— REPORT OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TABLED

Hon. C. William Doody: Honourable senators, I have several reports to table from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. First, there is the report of the delegation from the Canadian Branch of the CPA on a bilateral visit to Britain and Northern Ireland from June 22 to July 2, 1993.

THIRTY-THIRD REGIONAL CONFERENCE, OTTAWA— REPORT TABLED

Hon. C. William Doody: Honourable senators, I wish to table the report of the Thirty-third Canadian Regional Conference held in Ottawa from August 8 to 13, 1993.

THIRTY-NINTH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE, LIMASSOL, CYPRUS—REPORT TABLED

Hon. C. William Doody: Honourable senators, I wish to table the report of the Thirty-ninth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Limassol, Cyprus, from September 3 to 11, 1993.

HEALTH

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EUTHANASIA— NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Joan Neiman: Honourable senators, I give notice that on Tuesday, February 8, 1994, I will call the attention of the Senate to the desirability of establishing a special committee of the Senate to inquire and report upon the legal, social and ethical issues relating to euthanasia and assisted death.