

Air Transport Dispute

collective agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, representing electronic technicians, will be signed on the same afternoon. Happy Christmas!

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I am getting tired of applauding the settlement of this strike, but I am glad to do it a second time.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege affecting all hon. members of this chamber. I should like, on behalf of all hon. members, to wish you a very happy Christmas and to extend our very best wishes for a New Year which at least in your working surroundings may be peaceful and orderly.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): That is up to you.

Mr. Trudeau: It may be up to us, but we do not want to deprive Your Honour on every occasion of your right to compete in the physical fitness Derby which was talked about earlier this afternoon. We hope Your Honour will find other ways of keeping fit.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, while I have the floor I should like, on behalf of all my colleagues in the government, to wish all hon. members and the staff who work tirelessly for the House a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope that during the recess all will have such a good rest that they will not long for one another.

[*English*]

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would ask for the unanimous consent of the House to put the motion appearing in my name on the order paper.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. In spite of the statements by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) as well as the leaders of opposition parties, I wish to protest the settlement of this strike because now my mother-in-law will arrive.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Mr. Drury.]

• (8:10 p.m.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS

ADJOURNMENT FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS
UNTIL JANUARY 12

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That when the House adjourns at the conclusion of the sitting on Friday, December 19, 1969, it shall stand adjourned until Monday, January 12, 1970, at 2.00 o'clock p.m. provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with Her Majesty's Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time; and

That, in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or the Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Mr. Winch: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Cadieux). Do we now have his assurance that the "Yukon" will be flying tomorrow, because half an hour ago I told my wife that it would.

Mr. Cadieux (Labelle): Mr. Speaker, I understand that all the arrangements are coordinated by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald), so if the hon. member is on good terms with him as of ten o'clock tomorrow morning, I believe the plane will fly.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, my friend might worry about the west, but I lived there for seven years and finally saw the light and came east. Will the transport plane to the east also be on time for nine o'clock tomorrow morning?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, anything that will get my friend from Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan) out of Ottawa, east or west—

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question, I would suggest that perhaps if the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch) could meet his mother-in-law, the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin) will confirm the fact that the plane will leave tomorrow. I would like to move, seconded by Mr. Olson, that this House be now adjourned.