

in my making such a motion until the members of the other place decide what procedure they wish to follow.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** I am sure every honourable senator is in support of this bill, but I think the wording in paragraph 1 introduces something new. I was always under the impression that parliament consisted of the House of Commons and of the Senate. I read in paragraph 1 the words "either house is adjourned". This leaves the inference that the House of Commons could be called and not the Senate, or vice versa. It does not refer to a specific house. I am only speaking as a layman, but it seems to me that it is not a case of parliament being called.

**Hon. Mr. Fogo:** Parliament is in session.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** It reads "if either house is adjourned".

**Hon. Mr. Fogo:** But parliament is still in session.

**Hon. Mr. Beaubien:** The House of Commons may be called without the Senate being called. Am I not right?

**Hon. Mr. King:** Yes.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** It would depend on whether we were summoned.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I suppose it means what it says, and it only applies to the present session of parliament and not to future sessions.

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Yes.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

SESSIONAL STAFF OF THE SENATE

INQUIRY

On the motion to adjourn:

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** Honourable senators, I believe it has been announced that the sessional staff of the House of Commons is to be granted one week's extra pay. I wonder if the honourable leader of the government could advise this house whether the sessional staff of the Senate is to be similarly treated?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I have been advised that it is unnecessary for this house to take any formal action in this regard, and I have expressed my willingness to the Clerk of the Senate that any benefits given to the sessional staff of the House of Commons should be given to the corresponding employees of the Senate. This has always been done in the past.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Honourable senators, I have been unofficially advised that Royal Assent will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Although I have received no formal message to this effect I do not think there would be any point in summoning honourable senators to the chamber until 10.45 tomorrow morning.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10.45 a.m.