

been given, will think about this matter and make some concrete and forthright proposals to parliament so that we might consider them at that time.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Prime Minister cannot in his position place this house in pawn to meet the wishes of two members in this house and the party to which they belong.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Howard: I had intended to rise on a point of order about what the Prime Minister had said, but the applause covered up his sneaking out the back door before I had a chance to do so.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The Prime Minister did not sneak out the back door. He went to perform the duty of the Prime Minister in relation to receiving the deputy of the Governor General who is coming to give royal assent, and it ill behoves the hon. member to cast a slur of that baseless kind on the Prime Minister. I suggest that if he values his honour as a member of this house he should immediately withdraw that baseless imputation.

Mr. Howard: I do not want to accuse the Prime Minister unfairly of anything, but he did engage in attacks against me and my party, and before I had a chance to say anything he was gone.

The Chairman: I think the hon. member will have to accept the explanation given by the Minister of Finance, because he must take it under the rules of this house.

Having said that, I will put the question: Is it agreed that I rise, report progress and ask for leave to sit again later this day?

Progress reported.

Mr. Howard: Is it understood that after royal assent we shall come back and proceed to deal with private bills?

Mr. Speaker: If the house so decides. This does not put the house into committee. This is simply leaving the door open to return to committee if that should be desired.

Mr. Howard: And if it is not desired?

Mr. Speaker: When shall the committee have leave to sit again?

Some hon. Members: Later this day.

Some hon. Members: Next sitting of the house.

Mr. Speaker: Without unanimous consent the house cannot return to committee later this day. Next sitting of the house.

Royal Assent

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Government House, Ottawa
April 18, 1962

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 18th day of April, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. G. Cherrier,
Assistant Secretary
to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act to incorporate Brock Acceptance Company.

An act to incorporate Gerand Acceptance Company.

An act respecting Canada Security Assurance Company.

An act to amend the Canada Grain Act.

An act respecting The Canadian Indemnity Company and the Canadian Fire Insurance Company.

An act respecting Reliance Insurance Company of Canada.

An act to amend the Representation Act.

An act to amend the Veterans' Land Act.

An act to provide for the Reporting of Financial and other Statistics relating to the Affairs of Corporations and Labour Unions carrying on Activities in Canada.

An act to incorporate Greymac Mortgage Corporation.

An act to amend the Customs Act.

An act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1962.

An act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1963.

Mr. Speaker: Before I declare the adjournment, may I say to all hon. members that my wife and I shall be extremely happy if hon. gentlemen wish to join us across the hall after the adjournment. I include in this invitation such members of the press as have survived, and their ladies.