

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government): That is right.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Honourable senators, do you still want to defer the vote?

Senator Murray: Our attention has also been drawn to rule 68 (3). We will consider all these matters, but for the moment the vote is deferred until tomorrow at 5:30.

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Can we not know why the vote is being deferred? Is there any special reason?

Senator Olson: Because the whip does not have his numbers, that is why.

Senator Murray: Our party has a national caucus later today on other matters that my friend will know about.

Senator Corbin: You have a quorum.

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): But it only takes 15 minutes. It is a 15-minute bell.

Senator Murray: Honourable senators, we have asked to have the vote deferred.

Senator Molgat: That is your right.

Senator Murray: We will consider the various dispositions and provisions of the rules in the meantime.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Honourable senators, according to the motion as I read it, the vote will be deferred until 5:30 tomorrow afternoon. Is it agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I would ask that all other matters stand.

Hon. John B. Stewart: No. I have a motion that I want to have carried today.

Hon. John Lynch-Staunton (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, may I propose that all other matters stand except for Senator Stewart's motion.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Is that agreed, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. John B. Stewart rose, pursuant to notice of Wednesday, February 19, 1992:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have power to sit at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 3, 10 and 17, 1992, even though the Senate may then be sitting, and that Rule 96(4) be suspended in relation thereto.

He said: Honourable senators, I move the motion for which I gave notice on February 19, 1992. I explained the purpose of the motion at page 938 of the Senate *Hansard*.

The effective purpose would be to allow the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 1992, even though the Senate may then be sitting.

The motion makes provision also for March 3 and 10, but at the moment the committee has no intention to meet on those two dates.

The Hon. the Speaker *pro tempore*: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m..