

Senator Murray: —that would have reintegrated Quebec into the Canadian constitutional family.

Senator Frith: In the words of Senator Flynn, "Oh, gee."

Senator Flynn: No. I say, "What a pitiful group you are!"

Senator Frith: The same to you, sir!

Senator Perrault: Save your speech for later today.

Senator Murray: It is as incredible as it is sad—

Senator Robichaud: What you are saying is nonsense!

[Translation]

Senator Murray: That only goes to show how much my honorable friends opposite are disconnected from the reality in Quebec and in Canada.

Senator Simard: And cheap too!

[English]

Senator Murray: Honourable senators, this is a matter on which at least all of us on this side want to be counted; therefore, we shall have a vote on the motion.

Senator Guay: Did you bring this matter to the attention of the Prime Minister, if it is so urgent?

Senator Perrault: You would not want to miss Question Period, would you?

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, pursuant to rule 46(g), it is moved by the Honourable Senator David, seconded by the Honourable Senator Chaput-Rolland:

That the Senate do now adjourn for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, namely: the consequences of the failure of the Meech Lake Accord.

Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Senators: Yes.

Some Hon. Senators: No.

The Hon. the Speaker: Will those honourable senators in favour of the motion please say "yea"?

Some Hon. Senators: Yea.

The Hon. the Speaker: Will those honourable senators who are against the motion please say "nay"?

Some Hon. Senators: Nay.

The Hon. the Speaker: In my opinion the "nays" have it.

And two honourable senators having risen.

The Hon. the Speaker: Please call in the senators.

YEAS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

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| Asselin | MacDonald |
| Atkins | (Halifax) |
| Balfour | Macquarrie |
| Barootes | Marshall |
| Beaudoin | Muir |
| Bélisle | Murray |
| Bielish | Nurgitz |
| Bolduc | Ottenheimer |
| Chaput-Rolland | Phillips |
| David | Poitras |
| Doody | Robertson |
| Doyle | Roblin |
| Flynn | Sherwood |
| Macdonald | Simard |
| (Cape Breton) | Tremblay—28. |

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THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

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| Adams | Leblanc |
| Anderson | (Saurel) |
| Austin | Lefebvre |
| Bonnell | Marchand |
| Buckwold | Marsden |
| Cools | Molgat |
| Corbin | Neiman |
| Davey | Olson |
| De Bané | Perrault |
| Denis | Petten |
| Fairbairn | Robichaud |
| Frith | Sparrow |
| Gigantès | Stanbury |
| Graham | Steuart |
| Guay | (Prince Albert) |
| Haidasz | Duck Lake) |
| Hastings | Stewart |
| Hays | (Antigonish- |
| Hébert | Guysborough) |
| LeBlanc | Stollery |
| (Beauséjour) | Thériault—34. |

ABSTENTIONS

THE HONOURABLE SENATORS

Nil

● (1530)

The Hon. the Speaker: Let the doors to the chamber be locked.

Motion of Senator David negatived on the following division:

[Senator Frith.]